

Coach Smith Develops New Plan

By Tim Nicholas
This might have been the story of how a child who nearly died from polio, recovered to become a winning baseball coach, but it isn't. That's only part of the story. This baseball coach, with 10 years' experience, has just given it all up — almost.

Dennis Ray Smith caught polio at age 2½ in 1949, Mississippi's fourth worst year for the disease. He was one of 359 cases that year. After a two week life and death crisis including need for an iron lung, doctors said the Petal native would never get out of bed. He did. Then they said he'd never get out of the wheelchair. He did. Same with crutches and braces. After surgery, struggle, and suffering, the doctors finally said Dennis Ray at age 12 had no limits on his health except what fatigue would bring.

But he had a superstar athlete for a brother, Jim Smith, who gained All-America rating in baseball at William Carey College, and signed with Kansas

City briefly. Now a Hattiesburg businessman, Jim was the object of Dennis Ray's jealousy. "I questioned the Lord many times about my affliction," admitted Dennis Ray.

He got over the jealousy, but never his desire to participate in sports. Having no muscle at all in his right leg prevented any but summer league baseball.

So he entered sports vicariously, coaching first base two years at William Carey College. In 1969, Carey won the NAIA championship.

Upon graduation came the offer of head baseball coach and assistant football coach at his hometown high school at Petal. After seven years on the job, he became athletic director at Petal High School in 1977.

That was about the time Dennis Ray took inventory of his Christian life. He says he and his wife Cheri, whom he had taught health and driver ed., were "kind of ritualistic" in their church life.

But, active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Dennis Ray found himself writing a talk about what percentage people considered themselves as church members. He figured then that he was about a 65-70 percent member. "I was not committed enough," he decided.

That year, Dennis Ray and his wife re-dedicated themselves to Christ. And at Cartersville Baptist Church, they began to become more active as church members, working primarily with youths. Pastor Leland Hogue, he said, has been a close friend and good counselor.

Ordained as a deacon last September, Dennis Ray says he felt a strong desire to serve in the ministry then. The feeling grew and in February, he resigned his job as of the end of school with no other job awaiting him.

He'd had offers. With a 10 year record of 153-61 in baseball, Dennis Ray had a couple of college offers, includ-



Dennis Ray Smith

ing a graduate assistantship at Mississippi State under coach Ron Polk. In his ten seasons, 24 of his boys have been given athletic scholarships. And two signed with the pros — two boys who played at Carey and signed with the Boston league.

Still not sure of the direction his life would be taking, Dennis Ray knew the job he wanted when the church voted in May to begin a second worship service and hire a third staffer. That staffer would work with youth, recreation, and outreach.

The search committee came to him and after finishing the baseball camp he and Carey coach John Stephenson have operated the past seven years, Dennis Ray Smith began work at Cartersville Church.

The church is planning on building basketball and tennis courts, which would add to the church's recreation program which Dennis Ray sees as evangelistic in nature. "We emphasize reaching out," he says. "I've been on

retreats with 40 of ours and another 40 uncommitted."

The week of July 25, he and minister of music and education, Boyd Tweedy, are leading the youths to Panama City for musical performances at the Miracle Strip Amusement Park for puppet and backyard Bible club work and general witnessing along the beaches. "We experimented at Johnson State Park a week," says Dennis Ray.

He works with the senior citizens' club and is developing outreach through the Sunday School.

Though, "all indications so far have been that I've done the right thing," he says, this may not be the last stop for Dennis Ray Smith. If the pastorate is ahead, he says he'll go to seminary.

And though he's hung up his uniform, his coaching days are not over. But it's a different kind of coaching now — coaching youths and church members in the practice of their faith, assuring new kinds of winning seasons.

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Prayer Wins Battle Over Witch Doctor's Influence

By Marsha Key
LOME, Togo — Roger and Aquelli were so happy when Samuel was born. He was their first born and they desired to rear him according to God's will.

However, their pagan family reminded them that according to custom, they must seek the counsel of the witch doctor. The witch doctor would tell them which reincarnated ancestor little Samuel was, and then the baby would be named for that ancestor.

Roger refused; he knew this would not be the Christian way. The family told Roger that if he did not do this for his newborn son, that Samuel would surely die.

At seven months Samuel contracted typhoid fever, and Roger and Aquelli took him to the hospital. Samuel was put in a ward with many other very sick children. Because of crowded conditions, he shared the crib with two other babies.

During Samuel's two-week hospital stay, several children in the ward died. The family continued to insist that Samuel would live if taken to the witch doctor, but Roger stood firm in his commitment to the Christian way instead of the pagan way.

The church family was supportive of Roger and Aquelli during this anxious time. But even the church members were somewhat discouraged when one of the other babies in the crib with Samuel died. Again, Roger was at peace; he quoted the Psalm: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten

thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

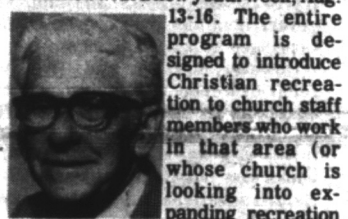
Then the crisis came. For two days, Samuel hung between life and death. The church members prayed, anointed Samuel with oil, and sat at the hospital with Roger and Aquelli. Southern Baptist Missionaries Rex and Sherry Holt, from Arkansas, called the States to ask their home church, First Baptist Church, Sledge, Miss., to pray. Miraculously, the third day, there was a marked improvement. Prayers had been answered. Faithfulness was rewarded. Samuel would live.

A week after Samuel was dismissed from the hospital, Roger and Aquelli brought him to a rejoicing church. Roger, Aquelli and Samuel stood in front of the congregation and the church members sang "Akpe Mada Na Mawu," which means "Thanks Be To God."

Marsha Key is the Southern Baptist press representative in Togo, West Africa.

Recreation, Youth Meets, To Combine

The church recreation conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly has been combined with a new youth week, Aug. 13-16. The entire program is designed to introduce Christian recreation to church staff members who work in that area (or whose church is looking into expanding recreation work) and to Mississippi Baptist youths, plus it has all the features of a regular youth conference.



Workshops include sessions on drama, clowning, outdoor and indoor games, camping, puppets, tennis, organizing crafts, and sailing.

Special conferences are planned for all youths on "Determining my Values," to be led simultaneously with all the program leaders. At those times, adults will attend one of the following conferences: "The Function of the Church Recreation Council," "Recreation and a Church Youth Ministry," "Recreation for Small Churches and the Associational Recreation Program," "How to Develop a Physical Fitness Program in a Church," and "Social Recreation."

Chester Swor of Jackson will be worship leader and Bill and Martha Bacon will lead the music.

For reservations, write Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. For program information, write Robin Nichols, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.



Mississippi Sojourner in Arkansas

Sojourners, Tammy Dugan (striped shirt) and Nina Pope (black tee-shirt), lead the early arrivals in activities prior to Vacation Bible School at Springdale's Caudle Avenue Baptist Church. Miss Dugan is a member of the Zion Hill Baptist

Church of Weatherford, Texas. Miss Pope is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Independence, Miss. Sojourners are 10 week mission volunteers for the Home Mission Board. Photo by Charles Bickford, Springdale News.

Anti-Catholic Material Taken From Bookstores

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Error-filled comic books containing virulent anti-Catholic attacks were removed from three Baptist Book Stores recently to disassociate Southern Baptists from numerous un-Christian allegations.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said, "The books were removed because they contained derogatory allegations without facts to back them up. We very much regret this incident."

The board president said he felt the action was the proper response because of the prejudicial and pejorative nature of the materials.

The continuing dialogues between other faiths and Southern Baptists, especially as instituted by the Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board, also would not have been helped by the materials, he said.

"Alberto," the 32-page comic book published by Chick Publications of Chino, Calif., was found to be on sale in three stores after a reporter from the "Tennessee Register," a Catholic weekly newspaper, notified officials at the Sunday School Board, which owns and operates Baptist Book Stores.

On that same day Cothen ordered

Korean Crusades Result In Nearly 20,000 Decisions

By Mary Jane Welch
RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Nearly 20,000 people made decisions for Christ and doors opened for reaching many more in seven weeks of major city evangelistic crusades in Korea, a project leader said here.

With reports not yet in from all churches, volunteers from the Florida Baptist Convention counted 19,778 who made decisions in central crusades, church revivals, home visitations, and special services in four Korean cities. James A. Ponder, crusade project director for Florida Baptists, expressed confidence the number will exceed 20,000.

Florida Baptists worked with Southern Baptist missionaries and Korean Baptists in carrying out crusades in Seoul, Pusan, Taegu and Taejeon. Ponder reported during the annual Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

"I believe the area in the world most responsive to the gospel is Korea," said Ponder, who preached in Seoul. "Every time I preached to a school, to an army group, to a church, to a noon-day Bible study — every time I was privileged to preach — someone received the Lord Jesus Christ."

Musicians working in Seoul went with Ponder or artist Robert Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church,

Pompano Beach, Fla., to 13 schools, two prisons, the First and Third Korean Armies stationed at the demilitarized zone, and a Seoul youth rally. In those services, 4,487 made professions of faith.

Teams originally assigned to universities visited high schools after several disturbances caused the closing of universities and the cancellation of central crusades in Taejeon. In schools and army units the teams visited, chaplains were assigned to follow up those who made decisions.

Ponder said team members found opportunities to witness outside planned crusade activities. Although he had been in Korea six times on such crusades, this was the first time he had ever seen one of the fast Korean trains arrive late.

As he waited beside the track, he met a group of university students on their way home. Through one of their number who spoke English, they began to question him and he shared his faith with them. Later several came to the Seoul crusade and made professions of faith.

Another Florida team member, Jim Morrell, associate director of the church music department for the Florida Baptist Convention, visited the home of a church member to witness to the woman's mother. The woman's husband, a taxi driver, came in

while they were visiting. Both he and his mother-in-law accepted Christ.

While driving the American team back to the hotel, the man took Morrell to see his brother who runs an auto body shop. Morrell witnessed to the brother, who also accepted Christ and asked for tracts his employees.

Another volunteer, Lorrie Clevenger of Baylor University, led a "mudang," a traditional Korean exorcist, to Christ at East Taegu Baptist Church. The woman made her living by driving out evil spirits believed to cause sickness or misfortune.

Lorrie and the East Taegu pastor visited the mudang after she came to a revival service. Lorrie gave her testimony and the pastor read from Acts about Paul casting out demons. The pastor then placed his hands on the woman's head and prayed that the spirit controlling her would leave. Freed, she gave all her relics and idols to the pastor and tore their shelf down.

For age Florida man, Richard M. Bassett of Ancient City Baptist Church, St. Augustine, the trip brought back unpleasant memories. He had vowed never to leave the United States again after spending 22 months as a prisoner of war in North Korea during the Korean war. He kept his promise until the opportunity to go on the crusade came up.

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Religious Disputes Rise In High Court

By Stan Hasty
WASHINGTON (BP) — Reflecting a national trend toward more and more litigation, religious controversies cascaded on the U. S. Supreme Court during its recently concluded 1979-80 term.

At least three dozen cases directly involving religious questions were docketed by the justices, although most never made it to the oral argument stage. In all, the high court handled 4,781 cases during the term, although only 156 were accepted for oral arguments and formal opinions.

As was generally the case across the spectrum of the court's caseload, no clear trend was discernible in religion cases. From the viewpoint of the religious community itself, results received mixed reviews, particularly the decision in the divisive Hyde Amendment abortion funding case.

That test, which raised the question of equal protection and due process for poor women in need of abortions, polarized the religious community as perhaps no other high court decision in recent terms. Many mainline denominations, working through the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, denounced the 5-4 decision upholding a congressional ban on public funding for almost all abortions, as a giant step

backward. Most evangelicals and Roman Catholics, on the other hand, received the decision with joy and promised renewed efforts in the next Congress to push through a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Although the constitutional issues of free exercise and no establishment of religion were raised in the Hyde Amendment case, the Supreme Court refused to consider them. U. S. District Court Judge John F. Dooling Jr., who earlier had declared the controversial law unconstitutional, did so partially because of his agreement with pro-choice forces that to deprive a poor woman of public abortion funding might in some cases deny her free exercise of religion.

But the high court rejected that view, declaring that the indigent New York women on whose behalf the suit challenging the Hyde Amendment was brought, had no legal standing to pursue the free exercise argument be-

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Secretary's Investigation Confirms Disqualification

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Investigation by Southern Baptist Convention Registration Secretary Lee Porter confirmed that two Kentuckians were disqualified as messengers at the annual meeting in June because their church had not met the financial requirements that would entitle it to the 10 messengers it sent.

Thomas and Claudia Riner, disqualified by messengers at the recommendation of the credentials committee, stated on their messenger applications that Logos Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., contributed \$2,300 to the work of the convention in the preceding year. According to the constitutional formula for representation, it takes just \$2,250 to qualify a church for the maximum 10 messengers.

Western Record editor C. R. Daley challenged the Riners' credentials as messengers on the basis that the Logos Baptist Church, of which Riner is pastor, was not "in friendly cooperation with this convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work" and it has not been a "bona fide contributor to the convention's work" — requirements under Article III, Subpoint I of the SBC constitution.

The credentials committee in St. Louis where the convention was held, however, investigated the Riners' credentials challenge under the less subjective Subpoint II which says a church may send one messenger for every 250 members or for each \$250 "paid to the work of the convention" (Continued on page 3)

WMU Camps Set In State, Keep Original Emphasis

By Wilda Fancher
Leadership training for every age level in the church's missions education program for women, girls, and preschoolers is the purpose of WMU Camp at several locations over the state August 11-27.

It all began so long ago — this task called missions — that nobody knows exactly where or when.

But the time came when someone got the act together, and WMU places its tangible, dated starting point in 1888.

Teach missions, engage in mission action and direct evangelism, support missions, provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination. So go the church missions tasks defined by Southern Baptists and assigned to WMU and Brotherhood.

As part of its acceptance of the re-

sponsibilities involved, Mississippi WMU regularly provides conferences in training for its entire leadership — church, association, and district.

Training for church WMU leadership is scheduled as follows with the places and dates and times at those places.

First Church, Booneville: Aug. 11, 7-9 p.m.; and Aug. 12, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.
First Church, Charleston: Aug. 12, 7-9 p.m.; and Aug. 13, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.
First Church, Louisville: Aug. 14, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; repeating at 7-9 p.m.
Camp Garywa: Aug. 18, 7-9 p.m.; Aug. 19, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; Aug. 20, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Aug. 21, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.

First Church, Lucedale: Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.; Aug. 27, 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m.

Leaders attending camp at Booneville, Charleston, Louisville and (Continued on page 3)

BWA Secretaries Named At Congress In Montreal

Gerhard Claas, who has been associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance for Europe, was named the general secretary-elect of the body during its 14th World Congress in Toronto, Canada. He heads a list of associate and assistant secretaries who were elected during the same congress.

Denton Lotz was elected as associate secretary with responsibilities for the division of evangelism and education and for the division of relief and development. He presently is a member of the faculty at Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Reinhold J. Kerstan, director of communications for the North American Baptist Conference in Chicago,

was elected associate secretary for the division of communication and the division of study and research.

Two regional secretaries were elected: Edwin Lopez for Asia and Knud Wumpelmann for Europe. Lopez is general secretary of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches, and Wumpelmann is general secretary of the Baptist Union of Denmark.

Betty L. Smith, assistant secretary with responsibility for conferences since 1976, was re-elected to continue in that position.

Erna Redlich, who has served on the BWA staff since 1968, was elected assistant secretary with responsibility in the division of relief and development.

These six were elected to these positions for a period not to exceed five years.

Two other present BWA staff members were re-elected to shorter periods of service.

Cyril E. Bryant, present director of communications, will serve as administrative assistant to the general secretary until his retirement in September 1982.

Charles F. Wills, present associate secretary with responsibility in finances, will continue in the post until the end of the year.



Gerhard Claas, seated, secretary-elect for the Baptist World Alliance, answers a question in a news conference following his election. The new associate secretary for communications, Reinhold Kerstan, is standing.



Jim Futral, pastor of First Church, Amory, and his son took a break during a session of the Baptist World Congress.

Courage Encouraged For World Challenges

TORONTO—A British youth leader sharply criticized Baptist churches for a lack of courage in dealing with world issues and challenged more than 400 youth and leaders in a Friday afternoon session of the Baptist World Congress here to develop a lifestyle which embodies the wholeness of the gospel. Sessions of the BWA Youth Department were held on Thursday and Friday afternoons at the Sheraton Centre Hotel and directed by members of the youth committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, was selected as the site for the 1983 Baptist World Congress by the committee.

"In our modern world the church

has become a part of society and is no longer a threat, so we are left alone," said Terry J. Dunnell, youth secretary for the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland in an address to the Friday meeting.

"Maybe we're more concerned with our existence than the reason for our existence," Dunnell noted.

Listing other challenges he believes church leaders must face today, Dunnell called for a reaffirmation of the biblical and theological roots of the church and urged leaders to prove the depth of their churches' commitment to youth ministry.

"Do we love young people for themselves or just because we want the church to continue?" he asked.

Dunnell said that if churches are to meet the challenges of today's world they must develop structures that are both comprehensive and fluid enough to allow for changes to meet the needs of persons.

"We've become attenders of meetings instead of living the gospel," he said.

During the Thursday session, members of the youth committee presented a list of six critical issues facing youth in the world today. The list was compiled from suggestions of 40 youth leaders who attended a BWA youth seminar prior to the congress.

In order of priority, the issues were world hunger, unemployment, energy, overpopulation, racial discrimination and indifference of churches and individuals.

Elected to a five-year term as chairman of the youth committee was Bob R. Taylor, youth ministries coordinator for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., USA.

Regional vice-chairmen elected were Raul Scialabba of Argentina, Latin America; Noah Ola Iyande of Nigeria, Africa; and Lars Georg Sahlin of Sweden, Europe. The vice-chairman of Asia will be named later.

The decision to hold the 1983 youth conference in Argentina reversed a 1978 action which had slated the meeting for Brazil. However, Brazilian pastor Eli Fernandes moved that the location be changed because no international Baptist World Alliance-sponsored meeting has ever been held in Argentina.

A woman entered the sporting goods department of a large store and told the salesman, "I'd like a low handicap, please."

"A low handicap?" the man repeated, puzzled.

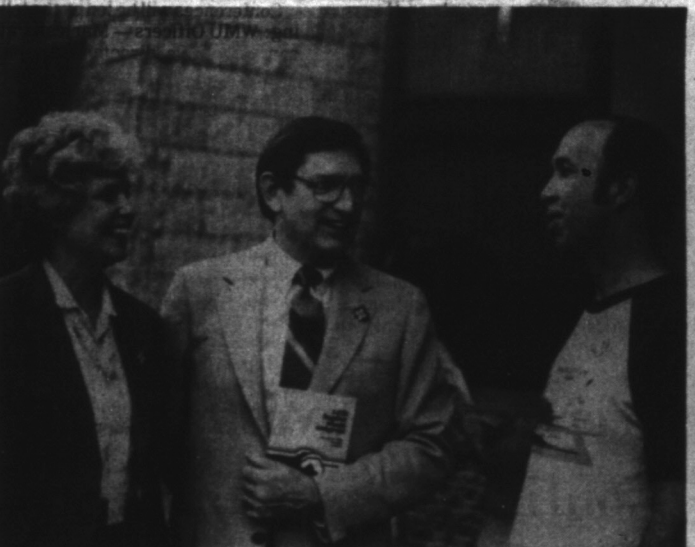
"Why, yes," she said, "for my husband's birthday. He's always wishing he had one."



A Colombian, nearest the camera, is seated by two ladies of Spain with their mantillas during a session of the women's meeting of the Baptist World Congress.



Participants from Africa, South America, Continental Europe, and Scotland are among the areas represented as participants line up for the Procession of Flags of All Nations and the Roll Call of Nations at the Baptist World Congress.



Mr. and Mrs. James Scirrat, left, pause outside the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto during the Baptist World Congress to chat with a staff member when Scirrat was pastor of First Baptist Church, Hearne, Texas. Nathan Cook, right, is now a Gainesville, Texas, church staff member. Scirrat is pastor of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson.

BWA Congress Photos by Don McGregor



Marilyn Hopkins, right, Baptist Young Women consultant for Mississippi Baptists, and her sister, Carolyn, of North Carolina, take a break during the Baptist World Congress in Toronto. Carolyn Hopkins is Acteens consultant for her state.

Signs Portend Third Awakening

The world may be on the verge on a third great spiritual awakening, more than 100 Baptist men from throughout the world were told during a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Men's Department.

Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, made the prediction in one of four Bible studies during the BWA Men's meeting.

Drummond said that he saw at least a half-dozen signs and conditions that make the time ripe for a great new spiritual awakening.

He added that American public opinion expert George Gallup believes that a spiritual awakening has already started, and has set up a research center in Princeton, New Jersey, USA, to study the phenomenon.

Professor Drummond traced the historical aspects of other great spiritual awakenings, saying that every such spiritual awakening started when one person gathered together a mere handful of followers who became so burdened for revival that they prayed believing an awakening would occur.

"There has never been a spiritual awakening and revival that did not start with prayer and confession," Drummond said.

He challenged the Baptist men present to return to their churches and begin prayer groups that would pray fervently for the coming of a third

great world-wide spiritual awakening. "If everyone in this room would return to their homes and get thoroughly right with God and confess his sins and become part of a thoroughly-committed prayer group, revival could spread all around this world starting here," Professor Drummond said.

He cited a half-dozen conditions which indicate a great spiritual awakening is pre-eminent.

The six conditions, he said, are (1) when moral decay is so prevalent that people say revival will never happen, (2) when immorality and social unrest grieve the Christians, (3) when God's people are willing to pay the price in prayer, (4) when Christians are willing to confess their sins and get right with God, (5) when the pastors and ministers become concerned about a great awakening, and (6) when God's people are willing to let the Holy Spirit bring about spiritual awakening without being confined to one church or denomination.

All these signs are evident today, he said, as prayer groups are beginning to spring up all around the world.

Most of the pre-congress session of the Alliance Men's Department was spent on reports of what Baptist laymen are doing to try to minister to people and spread the gospel, and how the Alliance could get more laymen involved in Baptist Men's work.

Reports on Baptist Men's work were

brought by men from Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, England, Wales, the United States, and Canada.

During business sessions, the Men's Department voted to hold a Third World Congress of Baptist Men in 1982 in connection with the 1982 meeting of the Baptist World Alliance General Council meeting. Site for the 1982 meeting will be determined later. Previous Men's Congresses were held in 1976 in Hong Kong and in 1978 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

During discussion of plans for the next five years, the men voiced the need for better communications between laymen around the world and for more participation of Baptist men in the meetings of the department.

Stephen Steeves of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, chairman of the department, pointed out that more than 600 women from around the world attended the pre-congress session of the Women's Department, but only about 100 men were present. He asked for ideas on how to stimulate involvement by men.

James H. Smith, executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tennessee, USA, observed that many of the 600 women present were wives of pastors and denominational workers, but the pastors don't really feel the BWA

Men's Department meeting is for them, but only for laymen.

Steeves said one of his goals as chairman has been to "shorten the distance between the pulpit and pew," and make pastors feel that "they are Baptist Men, too."

Lee Satterfield, an optometrist from Alta Vista, Virginia, USA, argued that it is not scriptural to categorize men into "pastors" and laymen, for the only difference is one of role and function. "We are all ministers," Satterfield said. "Pastors are not a third sex. There are not men and women and pastors."

Owen Cooper, a retired business executive from Yazoo City, Mississippi, USA, pointed out that one reason why the women have such greater attendance is that they raise more than \$125,000 every year in an annual offering that supports the Women's Department, and provides funds to pay travel expenses of women to attend the meetings.

Floyd Harris, a heating and cooling contractor from Annandale, Virginia, USA, said that Baptist men gave only about \$1,000 in the April, 1980 Day of Witness and Prayer offering, but that response to the annual emphasis is increasing.

Bob Wilson of New Brunswick, Canada, suggested that next year's Men's Department Day of Witness and Prayer emphasize prayer for a great

spiritual awakening, and that the men present return to their churches with a renewed emphasis on prayer for spiritual awakening.

Lee Satterfield, an optometrist from Alta Vista, Virginia, USA, who has traveled to 75 countries leading conferences to train laymen how to share their faith, was elected chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Men's Department.

Satterfield, previously a vice-chairman of the BWA Men's Department, succeeds Steeves.

During a business session at the Sheraton Center, more than 250 men also re-elected two other Americans as secretary and treasurer of the worldwide Baptist Men's organization.

Owen Cooper was re-elected secretary; and Floyd Harris, a heating and cooling company executive from Annandale, Virginia, was named treasurer.

The men also elected six vice chairmen, one from each continent. They were:

Norman Cheung of Hong Kong, for Asia; Walter Cade of Kansas City, Missouri, for North America; David Nicholson of Redcar, Australia, for Oceania; Samuel Prato Gomez of Caracas, Venezuela, for South America; and John Doring of Monrovia, Liberia, for Africa.

There is no such thing as an idle rumor, they're always busy.

Women Told Again To 'Go And Tell'

TORONTO, Canada—Although described by one speaker as an "undeveloped resource," more than 700 women attending the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department leadership conference July 4-7 expressed little doubt about their power to change the world.

More than 300 of the 700 women attending the four-day meeting prior to the 14th Baptist World Congress were official representatives of nation-wide Baptist women's activities in 83 countries. Their attendance and participation was financed by Alliance Women's Department funds raised in its annual Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Theme of the meeting was "Go and Tell," the first words spoken by Jesus Christ following his resurrection to three women at the tomb. But the women attending the meeting at the Royal York Hotel were first challenged to "come and see" the world's need for Christian action, and to "come and hear" the compelling and comforting message of Jesus.

Keynote speaker was Mrs. Kerstin Ruden of Stockholm, Sweden, former president of the European Baptist Women's Union, one of six continents' branches of the Alliance Women's Department. She is also one of the Women's Department representatives on the Baptist World Alliance General Council.

Another keynoter, Mrs. Jean Hewitt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, outlined other key issues which grip women today—the fight for personal justice in employment, compensation, and legal rights; freedom of choice in lifestyles; self-fulfillment; friendship and understanding and recognition. She said these issues bind women of all nations and cultures together, despite surface differences.

Three major speakers were women from nations whose governmental

economic conditions impose restrictions on religious practice.

The first Burmese woman allowed to attend a world-wide Baptist meeting in 17 years dramatically closed the meeting. Miss Esther Byn, associate general secretary of the Burma Baptist Convention, told the audience, "I am not afraid of life—or of death. Life is a gift from God, to share with others."

Although Burma was the first Baptist mission field of Americans, missionaries were forced out of the country in the early 1960's, she said. The government took over church institutions such as schools and hospitals.

However, Miss Byn said, "We have religious freedom. We can go and tell. Jesus has set before us an open door which no one is able to shut." She said that a shortage of Bibles and hymn books has not hampered growth of Baptist adherents, but has pushed zeal upward.

"I am like a butterfly out of a cocoon. I am ready to fly," she said, expressing her joy at being able to "break bread together and in the warmth of God's love in the worldwide Baptist family."

Mrs. Hilde Blazek of Yugoslavia and Mrs. Milado Pohlova of Czechoslovakia were the only women recently granted permission from their countries to attend the BWA activities. Both declared that they were able to be active personal witnesses for Jesus Christ in their countries.

"Going and telling costs love, time, money, will, and energy," said Mrs. Blazek, secretary of Yugoslavian Baptist women, who spent part of her childhood in concentration camps.

Mrs. Pohlova said that she is not afraid to give her personal Christian testimony. "A true Christian always has something to tell," she said. "Not only qualified ministers, but plain believers, too, should share spiritual experiences with everyone they meet."

Dangers of war did not stop Baptists in Lebanon from worshipping and studying the Bible together, according to Mrs. Nona Khalil, president of Baptist women there. She told of Baptists huddling in stairwells and private homes for worship.

In 13 workshops, women got practical ideas for working with the aging, for doing missionary work, for personal witnessing and spiritual development, and for communications.

Women's department activities were marshalled by Mrs. Marie Mathis, who is concluding 10 years as president, 20 years in a world office, and 30 years in executive leadership.

Her predecessor as president for ten years, Mrs. Marion Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, was also a speaker, bridging history back to the beginning of the Women's Department in 1948.

Canadian women gave Mrs. Mathis the gold pin of Dominion Life Membership.

Other officials speaking and leading the women through a maze of activities included the treasurer, Mrs. Letha Casazza of Washington, D.C.; the secretary, Mrs. Ayako Hino of Tokyo; and the six vice-presidents, who are presidents of the various continental unions.

Kerstin Ruden, a former president of the European Baptist Women's Union, was elected president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

Mrs. Ruden, wife of Erik Ruden, a former associate secretary of the BWA London office, succeeds Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Waco, Texas, USA. Mrs. Mathis has served as president since 1970.

Elected as secretary-treasurer was

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Foreign Board Completes Reorganization Of Staff

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Extensive reorganization of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff was approved here as the board carried out a new organization plan initiated in April.

The changes, authorized at the board's major summer meeting, include numerous changes for persons already on the staff and bring in three missionaries and one former staff member to fill key positions.

An additional \$218,812 was appropriated to finance a five percent increase in staff necessary for the board to gear up for Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist plan to share the gospel with all people of the world by the year 2000.

Title changes also were voted for the area secretaries who supervise mission work in eight geographic areas. All will be known as area directors in keeping with new terminology in the staff reorganization.

Donald R. Kammerdiener, field representative for the eastern part of Spanish-speaking South America, was elected to succeed Charles W. Bryan as area director for Middle America and the Caribbean. Bryan was elected in April as vice president for overseas operations.

A. Clark Scanlon, field representative for Middle America, will come to Richmond to be executive assistant to the vice president for overseas operations, a new position.

Elmer S. West Jr., a Richmond pastor who directed the board's missionary personnel department from 1953-63, will rejoin the staff as director of the ministries and deputation department under the new office of human resources.

S. Dan Sprinkle Jr., a missionary to Panama, will return to Richmond later this summer to work with E. L. (Cotton) Wright as director of the administrative services department in the office of management services. Sprinkle will succeed Wright when he retires at the end of this year. Wright formerly carried the title of business manager.

To facilitate the work of vice presidents who head up the major staff components, the board approved three persons as assistants.

Thomas W. Hill, formerly secretary for the communications department, will be administrative assistant in overseas operations. A former Mississippian, Hill was pastor at Woolmark Church, Biloxi, prior to appointment. His wife is the former Connie Winter of Grenada.

Samuel F. Hatfield, office manager



Hill



Hayes

for the overseas division, will become assistant to the vice president for management services, and Robert E. Shoemaker, office manager for the department of missionary personnel, will be assistant to the vice president for communications. At this point no person is being named for human resources.

Under each vice president, the work is divided into departments, many of which carry new titles and reflect efforts to reorganize the board along more functional lines.

In the office of overseas operations, Mississippian Lewis I. Myers Jr. will head up a new program development department which Bryan said will coordinate all special programs of work overseas.

Working under Myers will be John Cheyne, consultant for relief ministries; James Cecil, consultant for volunteer service overseas; and Evin Hastey, consultant in evangelism and church growth. All previously were listed as associate consultants in these areas.

Disaster response efforts will be coordinated under this department, and coordination also will be provided for four media consultants and four church growth consultants located in major areas of the world.

The media consultants, who previously have been called mass media representatives, are located in Latin America, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and East Asia. Hastey will help select and train the four new church growth consultants for these same areas.

Another change of title was approved for the field representatives, who have worked under the area secretaries as liaison between the board and missionaries on the field. They will now be known as associates to the director of each area and will be empowered to make a number of decisions that previously have had to come from the area secretary.

"We're seeking to move more decision-making closer to the field,"

Bryan said.

Under the board's new setup, all stateside responsibility for missionary personnel — both career and volunteer — falls under the new office of human resources, headed by vice president Bill Marshall. The work of this new office is being divided into four departments.

In addition to the ministries and deputation department to be directed by Elmer West, the others are volunteer, personnel selection, and orientation and development. Louis R. Cobbs will be director of personnel selection. Directors of the other two departments have not yet been selected.

In a staff relationship to the vice president will be Herman Hayes as career recruitment consultant and Harold Hurst as medical resources consultant. Prior to missionary appointment to Vietnam in 1969, Hayes was pastor of South McComb Church, and Locust Street Church, both in McComb.

The office of communications, headed by vice president Johnni Johnson Scofield, will have three departments — The Commission, the monthly missions magazine; product development; and news and information services. Ken Lawson, formerly section manager for audiovisual production, will direct product development, which will include editorial production, graphic arts, distribution, photo production and program production.

The office of management services, led by Vice President Sidney C. Reber, will have four departments — treasury, administrative services, information management, and home office personnel.

Treasurer Everett L. Deane, and business manager E. L. Wright both will retire at the end of the year, to be succeeded by Carl Johnson as treasurer and Sprinkle as director of administrative services.

Ward Hildreth, formerly assistant business manager, will head up the new information management department, which will include data processing, word processing, records, reprographics and mail section, and telecommunications.

Sam Pittman will be executive assistant for denominational relations. Working under William R. O'Brien, the board's executive vice president, Pittman will continue to relate to directors of missions on the associational level and also will work closely with the Stewardship Commission and others promoting the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget.



Gerald Hasselman, a member of First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, slices a cake as the 44 members of First, Vicksburg, who attended Family week prepare for their traditional July 4th picnic during the week. The cake was in the form of the flag of the United States. Attendance during family week was 175. Hasselman is principal of Warren Central Junior High School in Vicksburg.



Wallace Denton, center, of Purdue University chats with two other program participants during Family Week. At left is Macklyn Hubbell, faculty member at New Orleans Seminary, who led the Bible study; and at right is James Travis, chaplain, instructor, and counselor at University Medical Center in Jackson, who led the morning watch and was a conference leader.



Marcus Alexander, pastor of First Baptist Church, Flowood, visits with Mr. and Mrs. George Lee during Family Week. Lee, director of missions for Walthall, Marion, and Lawrence associations, was co-director for the week along with Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.



Jo Hollman, professor of sociology at Hinds Junior College, who led a conference during Family Week on "The Changing Family — Roles and Goals," chats with two who attended the conference, Mr. and Mrs. John Shows of Brandon.



Dot Pray of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Music Department accompanies Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lay at the organ as they prepare for a special number during Family Week. Lay is pastor of First Baptist Church, Ingomar. At left is Mrs. Don McGregor, who played the piano and also presented special music. Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record, was music director.

Family Week At Gulfshore



Two participants during Family Week at Gulfshore discuss the final service for the week. They are Wallace Denton, left, professor of family studies and director of marriage and family counseling center, Purdue University, and Russell McIntire, pastor of Oak Park Baptist Church, New Orleans. La. Denton spoke at each of the general sessions and McIntire was in charge of the worship services.

Korea

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He said his months as a POW in no way compared with his new experience in Korea. "The long winter months with eight of us in an 8 x 10 foot room with two meals per day, consisting of a bowl of very poor soup, will forever be in my memory. But now I can praise the Lord that even in that experience, he had a plan for my life; and he has given me grace to witness again in Korea."

WMU Camps

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Lucedale should bring a sack lunch for noon. Drinks will be furnished.

Registration will be \$1.25 per person for day session and for night session. Day and night sessions are identical, and leaders should attend only one session.

Leaders attending camp at Camp Garaywa may eat lunch in the dining room. Cost for night session at Garaywa is \$1.25. Cost of the day session at Garaywa is \$4.00 (\$2.75 for lunch, \$1.25 for registration).

Conferences will be led by the following: WMU Officers — Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU; Baptist Women Presidents — Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women consultant;

Baptist Women Mission Study Chairmen — Mrs. Murry Alexander, Greenville; Baptist Women Mission Support Chairmen — Mrs. J. C. Davis, Cleveland;

Baptist Women Mission Action Chairmen — Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., Woodville; Baptist Women Group Leaders — Mrs. Claude Fortenberry, Ellisville;

Baptist Young Women Presidents — Mrs. Elton Whitley, Tupelo; Baptist Young Women Mission Study and Mission Support Chairmen — Mrs. Kenneth Rhodes, Poplarville.

Baptist Young Women Mission Action Chairmen — Marilyn Hopkins, Baptist Young Women consultant; Acteens Leaders — Diane P. Smith, Acteens consultant;

Inexperienced GA Leaders — Mrs. Jewell Smith, Brookhaven; Experienced GA Leaders — Mrs. Phil Odom, D'Lo;

GA/Mission Friends Directors — Waudine Storey, GA/Mission Friends consultant; Mission Friends Leaders — Mrs. Joe H. Barber, Jr., Clinton.

At Lucedale only one conference will be conducted for each age level. These will be led by the state consultants and one other conference leader. All the conferences will be conducted at Booneville, Charleston, Louisville and Camp Garaywa.

Anti-Catholic

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the "Alberto" comic book removed from Baptist Book Stores in Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, N.M., and Memphis, Tenn., where it had been ordered at the request of customers.

"The materials will not be distributed by the Baptist Book Store chain in the future," Cothen emphasized. "They do not represent the attitude of Southern Baptists nor of the Baptist Sunday School Board."

Catholic media, secular newspapers and a religious news service have been among media carrying stories concerning the removal of the comic books from Baptist Book Stores since the discovery of the offensive accusations.

Michael Schwartz, executive director of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights in Milwaukee, Wis., said he was "very pleased" by the Sunday School Board's statement and action.

In a letter to Cothen, Schwartz said: "I am very pleased that you and many other Protestant religious leaders have had the courage and charity to repudiate publicly the message of religious bigotry purveyed in that publication."

Religious Disputes Rise In Supreme Court Session

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cause none of them had actually claimed it.

On the no establishment argument, both Judge Dooling and the Supreme Court rejected arguments by the pro-choice side that the Hyde Amendment unconstitutionally favored one theological position over others.

Because of the narrowness of the decision and the bitterness of the four dissenters, as well as the polarization within religious circles, controversy over abortion promises to be a fixture on the American political scene for the foreseeable future.

Besides the Hyde Amendment test, the two most significant church-state cases before the high court in the recent term remained unresolved. The court declined to interrupt lower court proceedings in both, each of which promises to become a landmark case.

One of them pits the state of California against Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God. In spite of concerted efforts by Baptists and other mainline denominations to convince the high court to reject the California Attorney General's action last year placing the Worldwide Church under state receivership, the justices decided instead to let the case be tried in California courts first. It is a "can't miss" case for future review, however, perhaps as early as next term.

In the other case, to determine if the United Methodist Church is a legal entity subject to libel suits, the justices likewise declined to prevent the matter from being litigated in California courts. At issue is whether former residents of a group of bankrupt, Methodist-related retirement homes can sue not only the legal corporation, Pacific Homes, but also the regional Methodist conference, the church's board of finance and the United Methodist Church itself. Constitutional lawyers specializing in the church-state field maintain the case's resolution may well usher in a new day of anti-church litigation if the Supreme Court ultimately holds that denominations themselves can be held liable for the actions of all related agencies and institutions.

In another significant church-state case, the court ruled 8-1 that local municipalities may not forbid charitable organizations from soliciting funds door-to-door. The solid high court majority thus struck down a 1974

ordinance in Schaumburg, Ill., located 25 miles northwest of Chicago, requiring charitable groups, including churches, to obtain permits to solicit and to prove to town officials that 75 percent of the money raised went to charity, and not to cover administrative costs.

The Schaumburg case was only one of a dozen that dealt broadly with the issue of government intervention in church affairs, a matter of growing concern among church-state specialists and denominational officials.

Among the more significant of the cases, all of which the high court declined to hear, was a New York decision that clergy may not refuse to answer a grand jury's questions in a criminal proceeding unless answering would violate the priest-penitent relationship.

The Church of Scientology, which the Internal Revenue Service recognizes as a bona fide tax exempt religious group, failed in a high court effort to require the federal government to return documents seized by the FBI in massive raids on the church's Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles headquarters.

But on the other side of the ledger, the court upheld the right of Hare Krishnas to solicit funds at the Indiana State Fair. The state had attempted to restrict movement of the sect's adherents by demanding that they solicit only from an assigned booth.

The justices likewise declined to review lower court rulings that the state of Ohio may not control disciplinary procedures in parochial schools and that Kentucky's state Board of Education may not regulate teacher certification and textbook use in nonpublic schools.

And the court announced it would not hear a First Amendment no establishment challenge to a provision of California's state constitution forbidding employment discrimination on the basis of religion.

Although the limits of permissible government funding of parochial school programs has often been a fertile field in recent terms, 1979-80 saw the Supreme Court acting on only three such cases, each of them of relatively minor importance.

By a narrow 5-4 margin, reflecting the division among the justices in such cases, the court ruled that a New York law reimbursing parochial schools for

administering state-required pupil tests and monitoring school attendance does not violate the Constitution's ban on establishment of religion.

The court also declined to hear challenges to a Pennsylvania law providing free transportation to nonpublic school children and to Ohio's refusal to recover instructional materials and equipment from parochial schools in the aftermath of a Supreme Court decision outlawing such aid.

Church property disputes, an area of ongoing conflict, figured in another trio of high court actions. The court declined to review a Boston case which challenged local Roman Catholic officials for using parishioners' contributions to erect low and moderate income housing units when some contributors thought their gifts were to be used for a cemetery.

And in a pair of cases involving Presbyterian congregations, the court in effect reaffirmed its decision of last term that, unless a specific denominational policy statement in a legal charter says otherwise, disputed local church property goes to the congregational majority.

Among numerous other religion cases handled during the term, the court held that Madalyn Murray O'Hair must stand trial in Austin, Texas, for disrupting a meeting of the city council; that the city of Denver may continue to display its traditional nativity scene on public property; that pacifists may not refuse to pay income taxes which go to the Pentagon; and that the city of Chicago was justified in dismissing a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect who refused to teach her pupils the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

In other actions, the court refused cases involving a Texas man who refused to pay Social Security taxes for religious reasons and a California worker's dismissal for refusing to join a union on religious grounds. But the justices upheld an Alaska court's ruling that a Seventh-day Adventist may keep his job in spite of his refusal to pay union dues.

The court announced it will hear next term cases involving unemployment benefits for individuals who quit their jobs for religious reasons and the conditions under which state officials may permanently remove children from their parents.

Investigation

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during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting."

The committee determined most of Logos Baptist Church's contributions were not "to the work of the convention," because they were designated primarily to an individual church. In October 1979, Logos sent a \$2,000 check to the North Central Baptist Association in Indiana "for First Baptist Church, Akron, Indiana."

The other contributions were \$250 "for SBC Foreign Missions Program" and \$50 for books for First Baptist, Akron.

"The \$2,000 given to another church cannot be counted as money paid to the work of the convention," said Porter at the conclusion of his investigation. "I do not believe that money given by one church to another church meets the spirit or the letter of the constitutional provision."

Women Told

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Judith Clanton, vice-president of the North American Baptist Women's Union.

In a brief business session, the Women's Department passed a resolution urging government officials in Liberia to free Victoria Tolbert, widow of William O. Tolbert, the president of Liberia who was assassinated in a military coup.

Mrs. Tolbert, a member of the Executive Committee of the Women's Department of the BWA, is incarcerated in Liberia.

The resolution noted that Mrs. Tolbert is "known and appreciated around the world as a leader among Baptist women," and "is sorely missed because her captors have not permitted her to come to or to communicate with her sisters in Christ at this meeting."

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Something interesting to say . . .

A conversation with Jimmy Draper

A few days ago I sat in an office in downtown Dallas and picked up a copy of a magazine titled, appropriately enough, Dallas. As I flipped through it my eyes found these words: "Over the years, we learned something pretty important. We learned that input from large numbers of people is not only absolutely vital, but it is also refreshing. It has taught us that to differ is not to compete or downgrade."

This was not someone speaking of a dream for the Southern Baptist Convention. It was a quotation by Rodger Meier, president of Rodger Meier Cadillac in Dallas and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He was speaking of something that has contributed to the greatness of Dallas.

I had just come from an hour and a half conversation with Jimmy Draper, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Euless, a suburb between Dallas and Fort Worth. He is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, and it was he who nominated Bailey Smith for president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Smith won the election on the first ballot in a field of six. This is the second year in a row for the election to go in this fashion, so I felt that Draper might have something interesting to say.

That he did. I wish I had carried a tape recorder, for his thoughts were worth preserving for additional study. I wanted to go as a friend and not a reporter, however, and I went in unarmed, so to speak.

Early in the conversation, however, he and I agreed that anything was fair game; and I have tried to remember

the major points of the conversation.

Draper assured me that there was no conspiracy that got Smith elected on the first ballot. He indicated that the Pressler-Patterson efforts have been given a great deal more credit than they have deserved as far as their effectiveness is concerned.

"We are a people of the Book," he said. "Let's not let Patterson and Pressler scare us away from the Scripture. Let's look at the positive side in all of this."

He chided the state papers for having a tendency to try to create moods rather than to report the news.

"We are a conservative people," he declared. "We are becoming more vocal, and we are moving to the right. We need to hear what these have to say who are beginning to speak. But let's not question their loyalty."

Draper said he has very positive feeling about conditions in the Southern Baptist Convention at this time. He feels we have made a "good step," and he likes the enthusiasm that he sees at the grass roots level.

It is easy to give lip service to church autonomy, he said. He feels that a small, strong group has controlled the Southern Baptist Convention for a number of years.

Draper expressed appreciation for several persons in new positions of leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention. Specifically he named Russell Dilday at Southwestern Seminary, Bill Pinson at Golden Gate Seminary, Keith Parks at the Foreign Mission Board, Jimmy Allen at the Radio and Television Commission, Landrum Leavell at New Orleans

Seminary, Grady Cohen at the Sunday School Board, and Bill Tanner at the Home Mission Board. "With a conservative president, this is a great combination," he said. "I think we're healthy," he added. "You can't split something that's not organically tied together." He said, "We have a world view of Christianity that is spiritually reaching to the end of the earth."

The Southern Baptist Convention is of God's design, said Draper. "Who else could have put together something as loosely connected yet as firmly connected as we are?"

"Southern Baptists are stronger today than we've ever been. I'm excited," he declared.

Though those who may have been influenced by the Patterson-Pressler efforts probably voted for Smith because of similar ideologies, Smith was not the candidate of that group, he insisted. There was no conspiracy at all, as far as he was concerned, Draper said. He did agree that for a period the Pastors' Conference presidency had been passed around among friends but not in an effort to take over anything.

Because so much has been said about the 1.4 per cent Cooperative Program gifts of the Del City church, I asked Draper, the former pastor, if Smith had inherited this condition or had caused it. "He inherited it," said Draper. The friendship of the two men is illustrated by the fact that Draper recommended Smith for that pastorate when he left.

Draper explained that he also had inherited the conditions which led to a low percentage of Cooperative Pro-

gram gifts for the church. He said that when he became pastor, the church budget was about \$300,000, and the Cooperative Program figure was at \$30,000. The Cooperative Program portion was on a dollar basis rather than a percentage figure, however, and the church didn't increase missions gifts with the income, he said.

Draper said the Del City church is not only growing in size but also is growing in its concept of the ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention. Smith has mentioned that he wants to see the Cooperative Program gifts doubled this year.

Draper, the son of a former district missionary in Texas, insists that he has no interest in circumventing the SBC system for any reason. Indeed, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Baylor University. As a trustee he has initiated a study of textbook material at Baylor that Baylor President Abner McCall has said will be healthy.

Draper is a vital cog in Southern Baptist operations right now. He is conservative, he is intelligent, and he is articulate.

Draper feels that a great deal of the current discussion of theology and doctrine is an exercise in semantics. He has his definition of inerrancy. It is simply that the Bible will not lead anyone into error.

When he was elected president of the Pastors' Conference, Draper promised that this year's conference would be unifying and healing. He said he and the other officers worked hard to make that promise a reality, and it must be said that they were successful. —DTM



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Saturday In Toronto

"Togetherness in a Toyota" was the theme of our vacation. Four of us — W. D., my sister Betty and (part of the way) my niece Karen. Four thousand miles in 14 states, and Ontario, in two weeks, beginning and ending at Mama's house. To fold or unfold — that was usually the question. Some hotel beds were too hard, some were too soft, and a few were just right.

Saturday morning, July 12, I woke up on the 10th floor of Sutton Place Hotel, in Toronto. Sounds of traffic floating up from Bay Street had lessened. I lay remembering the skyline view of the city, dominated by the Canadian National Tower, twice as tall as the Eiffel. We had seen it from The Islands, an eight-minute \$1 ferry ride onto Lake Ontario. (I can't tell you the exact rate of exchange, but I got \$227 Canadian for \$200 U.S. dollars.) As we fed the gulls they fought over the tidbits, and one bossy bird wanted it all. I thought, "How like some people!"

We had parked the Toyota, to use public transportation in the city, or our own feet. Subway rides were 60 cents if you went to the first stop or the 100th. One taxi driver, native of England, reprimanded us because, he said, American teachers don't teach their students enough about English geography and history.

Betty and Joan Peterson of Pensacola and I walked the five blocks to the Saturday morning session of the 14th Baptist World Congress meeting at Maple Leaf Gardens. (Once before, the Congress met in Toronto — in 1928, but that was before my day.) I spied Miss Edwina Robinson, and she and I went to speak to David Gomes, Brazilian Baptist pastor who was to lead the morning Bible study on John 5:1-12. He sent greetings to his friends in Mississippi. Later in that session, Duke McCall was installed as the new president of the Baptist World Alliance.

In the afternoon we got a taxi to International Airport to meet Karen, who was flying up from Montgomery to attend the final session and to ride home with us. While we waited for Flight 330, we amused ourselves by reading the dual French-English signs. As planes arrived, emotional family reunions were taking place before our eyes. Once, when Betty and I sneaked a look at each other, we saw that the tears were rolling down our own cheeks! I thought of what Nilson Fanini of Brazil had said in his Friday night speech: "Here we have difficulty understanding each other because of

language differences, but one day when we are reunited in heaven we will all speak one language."

In late afternoon we returned by subway to one of the most beautiful spots in an unusually clean and green and beautiful city — the plaza between the ultra-modern City Hall and Sheraton Centre. A flower bed (begonias, geraniums, marigolds, petunias) spelled "Welcome To Toronto, 1980." A policeman rode by the fountains on a black horse. A youth choir from Texas was singing, off to one side.

We skipped dinner in order to return to Maple Leaf Gardens by 6:30 but I was looking forward to trying iced strawberry soup at 10.

Miles were measured in kilometers, the temperature (pleasant) in Centigrade degrees, and gasoline in litres. We figured the gas price to be \$1.34 a gallon. I'd be willing to buy a lot of gas, though, even at that price, and travel halfway around the world, to be present for the closing service of a Baptist World Congress.

Maple Leaf Gardens (not air-conditioned) was filled to the rafters. Some had gone as early as 3, to get good seats. We walked for 30 minutes up and down steps. "Full of every usher said, People were fanning and wiggling. Finally we got a seat in a top tier, where we could look down, diagonally at the stage, and outward toward a brilliantly-colored sea of people.

"We are His children — each of us different from all others, with ideals and beliefs, talents and energies, combined in a unique pattern into which His spirit breathes life. Each of us is one in a harmony of different experiences, one voice in a chorus singing songs that can't be sung alone. . . . We are His people. . . . We are His family. . . ."

Every flag in the Roll Call of Nations stood for believers "celebrating Christ's presence through the Spirit." Billy Graham spoke. The orchestra played the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The 2500-member Festival Choir, under direction of Cliff Barrows, sang the "Hallelujah Chorus."

We were seated directly above the choir and got the full impact. Dr. McCall, before he said the benediction, asked us to say John 3:16 to someone there, and to continue giving its message as we went away. He said, "This 75th anniversary congress of the Baptist World Alliance is closing, but Jesus shall reign forever, and ever." Those words in mind, we joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

In a world that feels like quicksand, there is a Rock to which we can cling. We who are Christians, we who are Baptists, have something to celebrate.

Carles and the Yellow Sand Bucket by Sarah Scanlon, for younger children; and My Mom and Dad Are Missionaries by Gayle Lintz, for older preschool children.

Texarkana, Arkansas . . .

McGregor day in church

With what can perhaps be justifiable pride, may I point out that it was M. T. McGregor Day at Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana, Ark., on July 6. M. T. McGregor is my father, and he has been a member of that church for 32 years.

According to schedule, he will move to Mississippi on Aug. 1, for my mother died last year, and he wants to be in closer proximity to relatives.

For 22 years my father was association missionary (now director of associational missions) in Hope Association in Arkansas. It is now called Southwest Association, for it is in the southwest corner of the state. My parents joined Beech Street when they moved there in 1948 and he took up his

missionary duties.

In recognition of his work and his long-term membership there, July 6 was designated M. T. McGregor Day at the church. He preached in the evening worship service.

Among his pastors at Beech Street have been Harold Bennett, now executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and James Harris, now deceased, a former president of the Foreign Mission Board and a former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The present pastor is J. W. L. Adams.

Also of interest concerning the Hope Association is the affiliation of three key figures during convention time

this year in St. Louis. Bailey Smith, now president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was once pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Waldo, Ark., a church my father organized as an associational missionary and which he served for a time as pastor as the church was getting started. Jim Pleitz, who was chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for the convention this year, was a pastor in the association when my father went there as missionary. Later, after my father had retired, Stan Coffey, now vice-president of the Pastors' Conference, came into the association as a pastor. His pastorate was Trinity Baptist Church, the one that my father's successor left to become missionary.

Coffey is now pastor of First Church, Albuquerque, N. M., and Pleitz is pastor of Park Cities Church, Dallas. Smith is at First Southern, Del City, in Oklahoma.

My father has enjoyed his association with Beech Street Church. For a five-month period after his retirement he served the church as interim administrator until Adams arrived on the field. And while he will hate to leave, he has one friend already waiting in Mississippi for his administrator experience there. He is Chuck Endsley, the artist in residence and organist at Calvary Church, Jackson, who served on the music staff at Beech Street as a high school student. —DTM

Guest Opinion . . .

"Profile of a Bold Witness"

By Becky Jolly

Historic Research from various sources shows that women had a strong influence in bringing the Hawaiian people from the ancient tabu system of a false religion into the world of Christian freedom.

The two main gods in the ancient Hawaiian world were Madame Pele, the goddess of volcanoes, and Lono, the ugly water god who pursued Madame Pele. The constantly erupting volcanoes and the flowing fire into the steaming ocean waters, with the hardening lava on the ruined land made the ancients to wonder which was most powerful,

Madame Pele or Lono. When Madame Pele roared and raged, her fury was displayed in the volcanoes' power over the sea and its god.

The ancient belief in Madame Pele made the Hawaiians fearful of her wrath. No one dared to challenge her power lest sudden judgment destroy him. Her strength was glorified in song and ceremony.

As early missionaries arrived, they were to find our heroine, Kapiolani, sunning herself on a rock and brushing her beautiful hair. The year was 1820. Being raised in the ancient Hawaiian religion, she was married to six different men who all fought for her attention. When she became a Christian she was convicted to choose one husband and let the others go. She wisely chose the most influential, the village orator. Four years after accepting Christ, Kapiolani became a bold witness.

She was brought to the burning belief that she must challenge the false doctrines of the power of Madame Pele. With 80 of her closest companions, including her husband, none of whom had known Christ for long, she made the long trek from Hilo to the crater of Kilauea. All of those with her sought to discourage her. Her steadfast purpose was to hurl rocks into the volcanic crater and to disprove the power of Madame Pele.

On the way up the mountain she met an old priestess who warned her of the certain curse of Madame Pele. Kapiolani sat down with her, opened her worn New Testament, and gently shared Christ with her friend. She said, "If your god is real I will fail and be judged. If my God is, I ask you to trust in Him and turn from your false gods." The old priestess had tears in her eyes as she was touched by the truth of Christ's message.

Kapiolani boldly led her group to the edge of the crater. They were all trembling in fear as she stood in peace and confidence. She hurled the stones into Kilauea's fiery depths. There was no reaction from Madame Pele. Her power was proven false! Those sur-

rounding Kapiolani, still trembling in mortal fear, followed her back to Hilo where, on a Sunday evening, she found places to stay for them, and they all attended church.

Madame Pele lost her terrible grip on the minds of the people because of the bold witness of Kapiolani. Their minds were now open in faith to the witness of God's truth in Christ as found in the Bible. The greater fire of the Holy Spirit wrought salvation in multitudes of once-hardened souls.

The work of Christ in the islands of Hawaii has opportunity through testimonies such as Queen Kapiolani to continue to make our islands a true paradise. The examples of bold women like Kapiolani in Hawaii and Lottie Moon in China, give young women like me the hope and the inspiration to become bold witnesses for Christ. We, too, can learn to share his love and abundant life so that our world may someday, under God, be a place of peace.

My own Kilauea crater is the area of Waikiki where I have a secular job and where I serve Christ through my local church. I am also a student at Hawaii Baptist Academy. There is the constant temptation to sacrifice my spiritual values on the altar of drugs, sex, and emotional burn out with many of my peers. Thus far I have thrown my own rocks of faith into the crater of fear and doubt. And do you know what? Something has happened! My friends respect me and find refuge from their fears and doubts as we share together our common spiritual needs. I try to uphold the truth about Christ and his redemptive values for every life. Like Moses is quoted as saying in Hebrews 11:24: "I reject the pleasures of sin for a season because I insist on keeping my goals and dreams in mind. I believe the treasures of Egypt cannot compare with the riches of the people of God."

I pray to be the kind of bold witness in my generation as Queen Kapiolani was in hers.

Becky Jolly is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Jolly Sr., who are native Mississippians. He has been pastor of Waikiki Baptist Church in Honolulu for the past 2 1/2 years. Becky will represent the State of Hawaii at Glorieta Conference Center July 26 to Aug. 1 with this speech on a young person's commitment to Bold Missions.

Book Reviews

MISSIONS FOR TOMORROW by Bill O'Brien (Convention Press, paper, 110 pp.) This book, the adult study for the 1980 Foreign Mission Graded Series, presents a view of bold new thrusts in foreign missions and gives a challenging invitation to specific roles of commitment Baptists can play in the drama of reaching

everyone with the gospel by the year 2000. The author, a former missionary to Indonesia, is secretary for denominational coordination, Foreign Mission Board, SBC. Others books in the 1980 Foreign Mission Graded Series are: *Urgent Assignment* by Charlie Warren, for youth; *Many Voices* by Bonita Sparrow, for older children;

Letter To The Editor

Prayer Amendment

Editor:

Concerning recent press releases on the "Prayer Amendment" issue from the Baptist Joint Committee On Public Affairs, with which I thoroughly disagree, please allow me to make the following comments:

When the BJCPA speaks on matters as sensitive as the "Prayer Amendment," I would appreciate it if some mention were made as to what percentage of Southern Baptists, and others, it speaks for.

In reporting the line up of individuals and organizations who support the BJCPA viewpoint, why is it not reported that the most joyous supporters of all are the atheists and — steady now — the Communists. If sheer numbers are any comfort, these latter two should suffice completely.

The way I see it, a lot of the dust being kicked up by groups like the BJCPA is actually a supreme effort to

protect forever the nine man dictatorship now effectively running this country.

The saddest thing about this Prayer No Pray debate is that, in my opinion, the day will surely come, and soon, when prayer in schools will not only be permitted but will be asked for. I'd venture to say even pleaded for.

Robert L. Dickey
Memphis, Tennessee

The Supreme Court never ruled out voluntary prayer in the public schools. What it ruled out was involuntary prayer. Students can pray all they want to, even gather in groups on the school property to pray as long as doing so does not upset established procedures. It is illegal for a school principal or other official to tell students that they have to pray, when to pray, and how to pray. Jesse Helms knows this as well as anyone.

The issue at this point has gone beyond whether or not we will have

prayer in the public schools and is now whether or not we will have a constitution. If we don't want a constitution, we must be prepared to face the consequences. If we want a constitution, we must abide by its precepts. The Supreme Court is the body that is called on to interpret those precepts. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is a body supported by seven Baptist conventions, including the Southern Baptist Convention, that seeks to keep an eye on public issues in which Baptists generally would have an interest. The Joint Committee staff is not a party to the current struggle between the Supreme Court and some members of Congress.

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in June in St. Louis, took a stand upholding the Supreme Court in its decisions regarding forced prayer in public school and in opposition to the Helms' efforts to have the issue removed from the Supreme Court rulings. — Editor

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77 Indian Children Gather For Bible Study At Conehatta



Pupils and workers pose for a photo during the Choctaw Indian Bible School at Macedonia Church, Conehatta. Billy Smith, youth director and school principal, said there were 77 children present for high attendance day. Bobby Mitchell and Jeannine Leach of the Conehatta Church were assistants. Emmitt Denson, pastor of Macedonia, taught the adult Bible study for each session.



Miss Ramon Gibson teaches her class a memory verse at Macedonia Bible School.



Mallie Smith and Grace Smith prepare refreshments for the school.

Home Board Approves 68 For Missions Service

ATLANTA (BP) — A pair of second generation missionaries were among those approved for missions service by Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors during their June meeting.

David Palmer, son of Gerald Palmer, the board's missions section director, was named a missionary. Kathy Jean Diaz, daughter of R. V. Haygood, executive director-treasurer elect and current missions director of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, was approved for language pastoral assistance.

Palmer and his wife, Roberta, will continue to serve in Portland, Ore., where he will be a church starter. A graduate of the University of Idaho and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has been a student pastor and a new work starter in Idaho, Missouri and Oregon. She is a graduate of the University of Idaho and has been a school teacher and secretary.

Diaz and her husband, Roberto, will serve in Bolingbrook, Ill. He is a mission pastor at Cristo es Rey Baptist Church and a graduate of East Texas

Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor and youth worker at churches in Texas and Illinois.

The appointment of these persons to missions service "is a real tribute to the quality of family life and the spirit of missions in the families in which they were raised," said Don Rhymes, the Home Mission Board's director of missionary personnel.

"It's significant that they want to carry on, that they do not feel missions has cost them too much, and that they want to walk in the steps of their parents," he said.

In regular board action, directors accepted the resignation of Gene Tunnell, home missionary serving as consultant with refugees. They also approved eight missionaries, 20 missionary associates, four mission pastor interns and granted church pastoral and language pastoral assistance to 36 other workers.

Among those appointed were two couples with Mississippi ties, Jerry and Rae Evelyn Ginn and Stephan and Janis Elaine Melvin.

The Gims will move from New Or-

leans to Monterey, Va., where he will serve as a church planter apprentice. He has earned degrees from Mississippi State and The University of Mississippi and New Orleans Seminary. He was a school teacher and coach for 14 years.

The Melvins will move from Decatur, Tex., to Marshall, Minn., where he will also be a church planter apprentice. He is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Union University and Southwestern Seminary. He has been a minister of youth and music in churches in Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

Reagan and Carter Invited To Texas Pastors' Meeting

DALLAS (EP) — Politically active, theologically conservative Christian leaders who are committed to electing "moral" candidates to public office have invited President Carter and presidential candidate Ronald Reagan to speak at a national seminar on the role of church in politics, Aug. 21, 22 at Reunion Arena.

It is being promoted as a nonpartisan "national affairs briefing" for pastors. Although no political endorsements will be made, the rally's planners are well known as pro-life, anti-ERA, anti-homosexual rights activists.

The 2-day event is being coordinated by Robert Pittenger of Dallas, until recently special assistant to Campus

Northwest Baptists Elect Cecil Sims

Cecil Sims, a Northwest pastor for 24 years, was elected executive director-treasurer of the Northwest Baptist Convention in a special convention session.

Sims, 52, is formerly associate director of missions with geographical assignment in western Canada. He assumed the convention's chief staff executive post July 1.

With a vote of 206 "yes" and 87 "no" the messengers gave Sims a 71 percent affirmative response to the nominee of the convention's executive board. The board earlier had accepted the recommendation of a special search committee culminating an eight-month search for the vacancy created when Dan C. Stringer, Jr. resigned to take a similar post in Florida.

Although the convention's bylaws apparently required a simple majority to elect the new executive, Sims told the messengers following the election he had a personal goal of 65 percent. He asked those who voted against to work with him, not necessarily agree



Emmitt Denson, Macedonia pastor, teaches Bible study.

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Chickasaw Bible Institute Tells Of Coming Courses

The Chickasaw Bible Institute, county center for the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Center program, has announced its program for the next three semesters.

The first semester is Aug. 26-Nov. 4, meeting at Parkway Church, Houston, and includes two courses: New Testament Survey, Part III, taught by Bruce Cappelman; and Contemporary World Missions, taught by Joe Arnold.

The second semester, Nov. 25, 1980-Jan. 27, 1981, meeting at Parkway Church, includes New Testament Survey, Part I, taught by James Parker; and How Southern Baptists Do Their Work, taught by Ken Marler.

Third semester will meet at First

Church, Houston, Feb. 10-Apr. 21, with New Testament Survey, Part II, taught by James Parker; and Evangelism, taught by Joe Arnold.

The Chickasaw center is sponsored by the Chickasaw Association and directed by David Norris. Classes meet on Tuesday nights, 7-9 p.m. Norris reports that the past school year, 67 people were enrolled in six courses. The program is partially underwritten by church gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Norris is pastor of Bethel Church; Cappelman is pastor of Houlika; Arnold is pastor of Arbor Grove Church; and Marler is pastor of Bethel in Lawrence.

Foreign Board Votes For New Orientation Center

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named 54 new missionaries at its summer meeting here and also chose the site for a new orientation center near Richmond, Va., where hundreds of other missionaries are expected to be trained, starting in 1983.

A standing-room-only crowd estimated at 3,500 pledged its support to the new missionaries at the June 25 appointment service, high point of the annual Foreign Missions Conference. Throughout the week, Baptist leaders from Russia, Brazil, Nigeria and Japan joined with missionary speakers to underline the urgency of this year's conference theme, "Global Discipleship: Bold Going."

A total of 218 responded to invitations, with most indicating a missions commitment.

During its three-day meeting the Foreign Mission Board approved extensive staff reorganization, elected Donald R. Kammerdiener as area director for Middle America and the Caribbean, reduced the schedule of board meetings from 11 to eight a year, and allocated almost \$3 million in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds.

Board members voted to develop a new multiple-use orientation center, the initial phase of which is expected to cost about \$6 million, on a 233-acre site at Rockville, near Richmond.

The board specified that funds for the new center's construction and its endowment needs will be raised outside the board's regular budget on a one-to-one approach to potential donors. The site was donated last year by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harwood Cochran, members of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Richmond, but an alternative site at the Methodist Children's Home in Richmond also had been considered.

In recent years missionaries have received orientation at Callaway Gardens in Georgia, but this facility is

available only in non-tourist months. To meet the Southern Baptist goal of having 5,000 missionaries on the field by the year 2000, the board decided it would be more feasible to have its own training center near Richmond.

Much attention at the board meeting focused on committee recommendations for reorganization of the board's Richmond staff and streamlining of the 79-member board's meeting schedule. After lengthy discussion the board approved a committee recommendation that only 18 top positions in the executive staff will be filled by board election. Others will be selected by the executive staff but will be brought to an appropriate board committee for approval.

Previously, most major staff positions have been filled by election. Under the new plan, the elected positions will be the president, executive vice president, administrative assistant to the president, director of development; the five vice presidents for planning, overseas operations, human resources, communications, and management services; the treasurer; and the eight area directors who were formerly known as area secretaries.

Action was also taken to equalize administrative benefits for all managerial, supervisory and professional personnel on the staff. The board voted to hold its meetings in February, March, April, May, July, September, October and December, eliminating one of the summer meetings and those in January and November to cut costs. In the past, most members have attended only the three major meetings of the year, plus one other meeting of their choice, with the local Virginia members carrying most of the responsibility at the other sessions.

No official board meetings will be held at the Ridgecrest (N.C.) or

Says Tupelo Speaker

Broadcasts From Paris Go To 5,000,000 Romanians

By Phyllis Harper

Madeleine Hodoroaba stopped in Tupelo to speak at services at First Baptist and at Sherman Baptist while on an American tour that ended when she attended the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Hodoroaba's husband, Jeremie, is pastor of the only Romanian-speaking Baptist Church in Western Europe. Both Romanian natives, the two have worked in this ministry in Paris, France, since 1959.

Her speaking engagements in churches and other groups "are in support of the Romanian Baptist mission work," she said.

Their ministry includes a radio broadcast to a Romanian listening audience of about "five million people," she said. "We take that very serious because we speak for 30 minutes for \$174."

The broadcasts reach not only Romanian citizens, but Romanian minority groups in surrounding lands — Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bul-

garia, Hungary, and the Russian-annexed provinces of Bessarabia and Bucovina.

The Hodoroabas have received 40,000 letters asking for Romanian Bibles and other literature and Brother Hodoroaba has compiled and edited a Romanian hymnal — after collecting hundreds of hymns from other faithful Romanian Christians.

All 20,000 copies of the hymnal printed in 1978 have made their way inside the Romanian borders while many more are needed to complete the endeavor. Each hymnal costs \$12, and Mrs. Hodoroaba says they plan to print a second edition as soon as possible.

She says the persecution of the Baptist churches there is a combination political-religious thing, mostly from the Orthodox State Church. "My husband's father, also a minister, was arrested many times," she said.

The Communists officially permit 14 different churches to exist, she reported, and the Baptists have 1,000 churches in Romania, but only 170 pastors.

In Romania the new generation doesn't have young men becoming pastors. They go into other professions, and this is caused by the government oppression, she said.

The big need, in addition to the broadcasts and work in their own church, that the Hodoroabas are trying to fill is that of Bibles and other literature.

Hodoroaba is also working on translating a great amount of Southern Baptist Sunday School literature into Romanian for his congregation to use in France.

Mrs. Hodoroaba, a theologian in her own right, was in 1948 the first woman student of the Ruschlikon Theological Baptist Seminary in Switzerland. She was the first Baptist from the West who, after World War II, made new contacts with the Romanian Baptists, traveling extensively through the whole country.

The Hodoroabas work at 48 Rue de Lille, Paris 7E, France.

Carroll-Montgomery Volunteers Help To Build In West Virginia



After two years, Calvary Baptist Church, Grafton, W. Va., is in a permanent home. The congregation, with the help of Mississippi Baptist volunteers has built a church and educational facility.

For two weeks, pastor Jon Caudle and the church members had the help of the Mississippians from Carroll-Montgomery Baptist Association.

The volunteers stayed with members. None of the work was contracted out. Volunteers and members did it all. The church has 83 members.

Pictured left to right are Mrs. J. A. Wade, Miss Amie Stepp, Mrs. Ann Houston, Mrs. Mae Hardin, Mrs. Peggy Halthcock, J. W. Thompson (pastor of Southside, Winona), Jeff Doler, Joe Hardin, George Smith (pastor of Carrollton Church), and Mark Smith. Kneeling is Nolan Houston, Carroll-Montgomery director of missions. Not pictured are volunteers John A. Wade (interim pastor of Southland Church, Winona), George Steward (pastor of Duck Hill Church), and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rily.

Woolmarket Gives Birth To Mission

People of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association on July 6 celebrated the dedication of a new mission near Biloxi. Located on Hudson Krohn Road just north of Interstate 10 is the mission sponsored by Woolmarket Baptist Church.

In his dedicatory message former director of missions, Sam Turner, congratulated the mother church on her vision and commitment. "In Africa" (to which the Turners are returning as missionaries), he said, "a woman is not considered to have fulfilled herself as a person until she has

given birth to a child. So it is with a church. A church has not fulfilled itself until it helps begin another church."

The mission is in one of the high growth areas of the Gulf Coast. Population increases in the area north of Biloxi will be great during the next few years and already many new homes are being built in the area. To meet the growing need the association has assisted in beginning two other missions in the Biloxi area during the last two years.

Pastor of the mission is Larry Powell and pastor of the mother church is Russell Naron.



Left to right are Russell Naron, pastor of Woolmarket Church; Sam Turner, former director of missions, Gulf Coast Association; and Larry Powell, mission pastor.



Okolona Youths Lead Revival In Colorado

By Paula Williamson

On June 13, 45 teenagers and 9 adults left Okolona First Baptist Church, going to Granby, Colorado, to lead in a Bible School and to lead in a Youth Revival at Granby Baptist Church.

Granby Baptist Church has an active resident membership of 37 people. On June 16, when Bible School began, there were 10 children there—by June 20 (the last day of Bible School), there were 30 children present, with 36 enrolled.

The Youth Revival began on Friday, June 20, and went through Sunday night, June 22. The teens shared the gospel of Jesus through Scripture, music, drama, puppetry, and testimonies. By the end of the revival,

seven Granby teens had accepted Jesus as their Savior and many more had made rededications of their lives to the Lord.

The 45 teens from Okolona who went on the trip had put countless hours into preparing for the sharing they would do. God honored their efforts and blessed them tremendously! To God be the glory!

The adults who chaperoned the trip and did all sorts of necessary things to help the teens were Louise Gordon, Maureen Coleman, Jeanette Stevens, Loyce Turner, Wilma Earnest, Ken Eubanks, Bobby Gene Young, Mike Parks (minister of music), and Paula Williamson (minister of youth).

The pastor of First Church, Okolona, is James E. Parker.



Pictured left to right are Lloyd Payne; Randolph Scott, pastor; D. J. Wilkinson, Leaton Webb; and Claiborne Perry. Payne, Wilkinson, Webb, and Perry are deacons.

New Church In Leake Is Building At Edinburg

A new church, Carmel, at Edinburg, held groundbreaking services June 29 on its newly purchased two acre site which cost \$10,000.

The new church will consist of a fellowship hall, two baths, seven Sunday School rooms, and a sanctuary, for a total of 4,124 square feet.

The location of the new facility will

be across the street from where services have been held on a halftime basis.

The mailing address is Rt. 8, Box 86, Carthage, Miss., 39051. The new church is in the Leake Association. Pastor is Randolph Scott. Former pastor A. A. Ward, participated in the ceremony.



The mission is on Hudson Krohn Road near Biloxi.

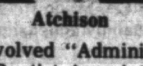
Names In The News

N. Steve Robinson, Hattiesburg, has been named professor of business administration and economics and coordinator of the department of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. Currently he is professor of economics and dean of the School of Business, William Carey College. Robinson earned the B.S. and M.A. degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Barry Webster, pastor at Fellowship Church, Summit, was ordained on May 21 to the gospel ministry by First Church, Kenner, La. Fellowship is Webster's first pastorate. He is a student at NOBTS.

Paynes Church near Charleston ordained its interim pastor, Gerald Shook, on June 29, at 4 p.m. Reginald Barnard, of Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, one of Shook's professors, was guest speaker. Shook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Shook, formerly of Paynes, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shook of Paynes. He is married to the former Pam Zelenak of Grenada. They have two children, Brandy and Blake.

L. B. Atchison, director of missions for eight years in Covington and Jefferson Davis Associations, was recently awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree by Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. Graduation exercises were held on May 9 at First Church, Jacksonville. Atchison's special study involved "Administering A Southern Baptist Association," with a major writing project on "Factors Affecting Growth in Rural Churches." He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and New Orleans Seminary.



Atchison



Jim Buchanan of Blue Mountain was honored recently by the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association for his contributions to that organization over the years. Making the presentation were Katherine Beatty of Jackson, BMC Alumnae President, and BMC President E. Harold Fisher.

Clarke Holds Patriotic Service

At Clarke College, summer school students, administration and staff gathered July 3rd for a patriotic service.

Troy Hobson, SBA president, raised the American and Christian flags and LaVerne Summerlin led in prayer. After a brief welcome by president A. C. Johnson, James C. Read led the group in a devotional message.

Mrs. Vivian Rasmussen led the group in singing "God Bless America" at the closing of the ceremony.



Left to right are Troy Hobson, SBA president, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, President Johnson and James Read.

Governor William Winter was the initial speaker for the newly-instituted McLemore Lectureship recently at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Endowed by Mrs. R. A. McLemore as a memorial to her husband R. A. McLemore, a noted historian and former president of the College, the lectureship has been in the planning stages for more than a year.

Mrs. McLemore's death in January prevented her from seeing the fulfillment of her memorial, but Walter Howell, professor of history and program director of the American Studies Seminar, believes the lectureship would have met with her approval.



Amos Parker, right, Scout Leader of Troop 143 sponsored by First Church, Summit, was honored during the morning worship hour by Baptists for Scouting. Parker was awarded The Good Shepherd Cross and Staff, a national recognition for adult scouts and pastors who are Baptist. Of 21,000 Baptists who are Adult Scouting leaders, less than 50 will receive the "Good Shepherd" recognition in 1979-80. Dennis Johnson, left, is pastor of the Summit church.

The S. C. Earwoods of New Hope Church, Amory, have just returned from Israel. They were on an archaeological dig with Jerry Vardaman of Starkville and others.

While there, they discovered a temple area, a New Testament church which was known in that time as "ELUSA", and several other artifacts.

The people of New Hope along with the Earwood children sponsored this trip for them.

ATLANTA (BP) — Mark Sandlin, photojournalist at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has joined the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as manager of photographic services.

As a member of the Home Mission Board's audio-visual department, Sandlin will help to provide a photographic service for the board, as well as undertake assignments for Home Missions magazine.

Harold Dean Garrett, a Doctor of Ministry degree recipient from Granite City, Ill., became the 15,000th seminarian to receive a degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The longest sermon on record was delivered by Clinton Locy of West Richland, Wash., in Feb. 1955. It lasted 48 hours and 18 minutes.

11 From State Get Degrees At Mid-America

B. Gray Allison, president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., announces that 11 students from Mississippi were graduated May 16 from the seminary.

Those receiving the Master of Divinity degree were Jackie Edward Cooke, Danny McClain Crow, David Alan Hawkins, Carl Bradford Prewitt, James Ray Moore, Dennis Eugene Short, Larry Lane Windham, and Jackie Neil Yow. Billy Ray McClelland and Tommy W. Stacy received the Diploma of Theology. Mrs. Lillian Pevey Prewitt received the Master of Arts in Religious Education.

The speaker for the May 15 exercises was John Keller, pastor of the Delaney Street Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Los Angeles Deadline For SBC Housing Is Oct. 1

LOS ANGELES (BP) — Block reservations for individuals, organizations and groups wishing to reserve a block of rooms for the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles had to have their request in by July 1, according to Tim Hedquist, convention manager.

The Los Angeles Convention Bureau will be accepting requests for individual hotel accommodations Oct. 1.

As in the past several years, all requests must be made in writing using a special form prepared by the bureau.

The form will be available in Baptist state offices in September and will be printed in the Baptist Program before Oct. 1. All individual requests must be mailed to the housing bureau.

In Los Angeles, all but two of the hotels are within 10 blocks of the convention center and no hotel is more than two miles away. The center has 3,000 parking spaces reserved for the convention.

The Pastors' Conference, Woman's Missionary Union meeting and the SBC annual meeting will all be held in the Los Angeles Convention-Exhibition Center.

Homecoming

Springdale Church, West, will observe Homecoming on Aug. 3. Lunch will be served at noon. Joe Blackwell from Williamsville Church will bring the Dedication service at 2:00 and Horace McMillan from New Salem Church will deliver the Prayer of Dedication. Guy Reedy, will be the visiting evangelist. S. W. Davis, Jr. is the pastor.

Spaces Available For Ridgecrest WMU Conference

Cancellations have made available four spaces for WMU tour and WMU conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina. Dates are July 31 - Aug. 9. Cost is \$295.

Travel points of interest will include drama, "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee, N. C., Smoky Mountains National Park; Biltmore Estate; Chimney Rock State Park; Six Flags over Georgia; and a tour of the WMU Building in Birmingham. Those interested may contact Mrs. James Fancher, tour leader, at the WMU Office in Jackson for more information.

Deacons Write Memorial To Joe Triplett

The deacons of First Church, Jackson, have adopted a resolution, to be filed with permanent records of the church, as a memorial to Joseph N. Triplett (1912-1980).

Triplett, for 12 years, until the time of his death March 27, was minister of pastoral care at First Church. In this specialized area, the resolution states, "Joe worked quietly, effectively, and with a loving and compassionate heart. He visited all those who were ill, suffering, recovering from surgery, or preparing to go home to the Lord. Invariably, he slipped quietly into the sick room, recited an appropriate verse of scripture, made the patient aware of his concern and, with a short, sincere prayer, moved on to aid someone else. Without fail, the patient was comforted, encouraged and made aware of the love of our Lord and the compassion of His servant."

"Joe Triplett was one of the most favored of God's servants in that even the necessity for him to undergo the ravages of cancer... ensured to the glory of the Lord and the benefit of his fellowmen. As a result of his courageous, public demonstration of the power of the Lord to undergird a willing Christian, he demonstrated the value of scripture, the efficacy of prayer, and his willingness to follow the leadership of our Savior, even to death."

"Joe entirely refused to be terrorized by cancer as is illustrated in his answer to the question as to how he could be so cheerful while this dread disease was ominously spreading through his body, when he stated, 'We are all terminal, it is just a matter of when.'"

Packard Gives Check To MC

R. N. Acker (left), Director of Mississippi Operations for the Packard Electric Division of General Motors Corp., recently presented Lewis Nobles, college president, with a check for Mississippi College on behalf of the General Motors Foundation, Inc.

The contribution, part of a \$25,000 pledge in the college's 1977 Breakthrough Campaign, is earmarked for construction and improvement of facilities.



Men Form 1001 Club

Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg has formed the "1001 Club." On March 4, 1980, several men met to discuss what the men of the church could do as an organized body for Jesus. They hit upon a goal for the group to work toward, which in turn inspired the name for the group. "1001 Club" has as its

goal to have 1001 men and boys actively involved in the church and its activities by 1990. The impact which such a group could have locally, statewide, and worldwide for the cause of Christ is the inspiring force behind the club.

Mentally Retarded Persons Need Christian Concern

By Linda Lawson

Nashville — Chris, 21, is mildly retarded. He works on the assembly line of a textbook printing firm. Chris can participate in a regular adult Sunday School class if the teacher understands he should never be called on to read aloud and if class members can be patient when he is slow to verbalize a thought.

Sandra and JoAnn, 15 and 17 respectively, live in a group home for mentally retarded youth.

They fall into the category of trainable retarded persons. Eventually, they will be employed but will need to live in a sheltered environment. They could

participate in a Sunday School class, but it would need to be tailored to their needs.

Jonathan is a severely retarded child of seven.

He requires constant care at home. Shortly after Jonathan's birth, his parents quit attending church. In fact, his mother seldom goes anywhere. The daily pressures she endures could be eased greatly by a church with a home ministry to persons like Jonathan which could provide occasional home care to allow his mother to attend church or enjoy a day out.

More than 2,000 Southern Baptist churches currently have some kind of

ministry with mentally retarded persons. When Southern Baptist work with the mentally retarded began some two decades ago, it focused almost exclusively on children. Today, many churches are working with all ages.

In addition, several state conventions are now offering conferences and retreats for retarded persons, as well as training for workers.

Ministering with retarded persons may include enabling some to participate in regular classes, providing separate classes, especially for some trainable retarded, and by providing home ministries for the severely retarded.

"Ministry to the home, family and siblings of a mentally retarded person is as important as ministry to the retarded person," said Doris Monroe, consultant on work with the mentally retarded in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

She said that all members of the family of the mentally retarded person need to be reached by church members in their own age group. For example, she noted that some parents may have been out of church so long due to responsibilities for caring for their mentally retarded family member that "they need to grow and feel the warmth of the church" as a participating member.

For this reason, Mrs. Monroe advocates that church workers with mentally retarded not be parents of retarded children.

When and whether a retarded person is able to understand his need for salvation and accept Christ has to be dealt with on an individual basis, said Mrs. Monroe.

"We work with the mentally retarded person, as with a normal person, at his level of understanding and ability. Many can have a wonderful conversion experience."

Many retarded persons, especially those classified as educable, can and should participate in regular church groupings if workers understand they are limited to participation in reading and writing activities.

Also, many adults lack adequate skill training in using scissors, crayons or even in speaking. "Our philosophy is that workers do the part they cannot do and let them do what they can do," Mrs. Monroe said.

She said she believes many churches not presently providing ministries with the mentally retarded need to consider doing so.



Mentally retarded persons of all ages need the love and caring ministry which Southern Baptist churches can provide.

Staff Changes

Johnny Place began his duties July 9th as the new pastor of Arlington Church, Bogue Chitto, Lincoln Association. His wife is the former Joyce McCullough of Holmesville, Pike County. They have a son Steve, 12, and a daughter Stephanie 4. Place was a native of the Enon Community, Waltham County. He comes to Arlington from Centerville Church of near Tylertown where he served eight months. He received the associate's degree from New Orleans Seminary in May 1980, where he was named outstanding student in the School of Christian Training.

Olivet Church has called Robbie Watson as summer youth minister.

Robert (Bob) Hatzfeld has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at North Greenwood Church, Greenwood.

He comes from Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Ark., where he served 13 years.

Hatzfeld is a native of Chicago, but grew up in Aurora, Mo. He received his college education at

Oklahoma Baptist University and did his seminary work at Southern Seminary. He is married and has three daughters. Two of the daughters attend Baylor University. The oldest is completing her work in music at Baylor this summer, and will teach near Waco.

Gulf Gardens Church, Gulfport, has called Keith Hill as director of education for the summer. James D. Whittington is pastor.

Bethany Church, Jeff Davis Association, has called Doug McCormick as minister of music and youth. McCormick is enrolled at New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Gwen Elliott of Quitman, and they have a daughter, Amy Leigh.

James Edwards is new pastor at Temple Church in Grenada. He is a graduate of Mississippi State and New Orleans Seminary. He has taught school in Tate and Benton Counties and has been pastor of churches in Benton, Tippah, Pearl River, Lowndes, and Monroe Counties.

Edwards is married to the former Shirley Gray of Coffeyville. They have two sons.

Temple Church is presently meeting at 2nd and Main Streets in the Masonic Building.

Mohoba Church of George-Greene Association has a new pastor, Arthur Burnett.

Warren Haney has resigned as pastor of East Salem Church, George-Greene Association.

First Church, Bay St. Louis, has called Bob White as youth director for the summer. He is a native of Jackson and a senior at Mississippi College.

Christa Hutcherson, a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has joined the staff of First Church, Winona, as minister of youth and activities. David Pratt is pastor.

The Hanging Moss Baptist Church has called Mark Scott as minister of music. He is a graduate of Mobile College and attended New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. He resides in Jackson with his parents. His father, Douglas Scott, is minister of music at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Also, Peggy Shoemaker has been called as church pianist. She has served as music ministry secretary at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., First Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and is presently serving as church secretary at Central Presbyterian, Jackson. Cecil Brasell is Hanging Moss pastor.

T. R. Darsey has joined the staff of First Church, Lauderdale, as director of youth activities, recreation and music. Darsey, 18, finished Meridian High School in June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Darsey of Meridian and a member of Southside Church. Pastor of First, Lauderdale is Jerry Bishop.



Darsey Bishop.

Tad Denson has been called as minister of music and youth by Macedonia Church, Brookhaven. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with the degree of Bachelor of Church Music. He served Mt. Zion Church, Mt. Olive, and Woodville Church, Woodville, while a student. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Denson, Sr. of Jackson. Harry Barnes is Macedonia pastor.



Denson.

J. Michael Gatch, a native of Palmetto, Fla., assumed duties as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in New Albany June 29.

He comes to Hillcrest from El-dridge, Ala., where he was serving as interim pastor of El-dridge Baptist Church.

Gatch, 28, received a master of divinity degree from Southern, Louisville, Ky., in December, 1979.

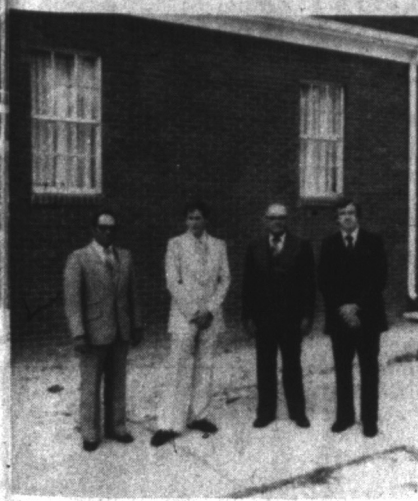
He is married to the former Fran Latham of Jasper, Ala. Mrs. Gatch earned a master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary.

Gary Davis is the new minister of music and Youth at Terry's Creek Baptist Church, Pike County.

Robert Goodman is the new minister of music at First Church, McComb. He and his family will begin their work about the first of August.

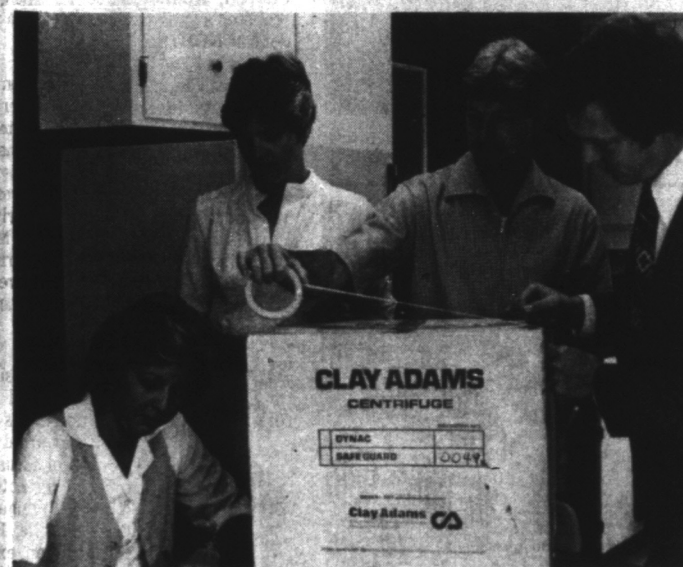
Carla Tucker has resigned as pastor of Bond Baptist church, (Neshoba), and has accepted a call as pastor of Emmanuel Church (Marion). He will be moving on field last week in July.

Second Baptist Church, Calhoun City has called Miss Tammy Morgan as music director. She is a senior music major at Blue Mountain College, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mergan of Calhoun City. Edward Pendergrast is pastor.



Kilmichael Dedicates Education Building

Kilmichael Baptists have finished and dedicated a new education building, an addition to the sanctuary and an existing building. The new building encompasses more than 6,000 sq. feet of floor space and contains classrooms, library, and offices. It joins a new kitchen and renovated fellowship area. Cost of construction was \$245,000. Pictured, left to right, are: Cloyce Gibson, chairman of deacons; Bobby Howell, chairman of the Building Finance Committee; Edwayne Henderson, chairman of the Building Committee, and Phillip Bray, pastor.



READY FOR HONDURAS — Jane Williams, Pat Rowan, John Bryson and Marlin Harris, members of the Singles Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church, Tupelo, prepare a centrifuge, which will be used to analyze blood samples, to send to a missionary hospital in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Summit Starts Family Life Center

First Church, Summit broke ground June 22 for a family life center. The structure will include a gymnasium for sports activities and roller skating, game room, kitchen and dining facilities, crafts room, and education space. In February the church entered a "Together We Build Program," where \$266,300.00 was pledged. Dan Lewman was chairman of that program.

Plans are to proceed with renovation of the educational plant in the second phase of building; the third phase will involve renovation of the auditorium.

Left to right: Building Committee members, King Baker, Mrs. Bobby Ball, Bill Lewman, Frank Singleton, Luke Brewer, Ken Johnston, Dennis Johnsey, pastor, and Horace Holmes; C. E. Jackson, McComb, contractor; and Bobby Crawford of Pearl, architect.

Tupelo Singles Send Centrifuge To Honduras

By Phyllis Harper

"We believe in person-to-person sharing," said John Bryson, while preparing a blood-analysis centrifuge to send to a hospital in Honduras.

The centrifuge purchased by the Singles Class at First Baptist Church, Tupelo, was one of the follow-ups on needs a dental-medical missionary team found while working there earlier this year.

Bryson was shipping the pieces of equipment to a dentist in Laurel "who's going with another team next week," he said. "It will be delivered directly to the missionaries who are working fulltime in Honduras."

Four Tupeloans who went on the mission were among a 16-member team who worked through a group "called Baptist Missions International, but actually it's a lay ministry," explained Marlin Harris, a hospital administrative resident at North Mississippi Medical Center.

They were there a week and called about 400 teeth, said Harris. Nurses gave primary health care and dispensed non-prescription pharmaceuticals such as worm medicine, aspirin, and thousands of bottles of vitamins—sorely needed because of the prevalent malnutrition.

Skin ointments were given to those with scabies, also prevalent because "they don't even have soap to keep clean," said Harris. "Poverty is the norm. The worst poverty you can imagine."

While visiting a hospital in the capital city of Tegucigalpa "Marlin noticed they lacked some simple lab equipment," said Bryson. "We decided on sending the centrifuge because it's simple and can be kept up without extensive repairs."

A salesman was trying to sell a young wife an egg timer. "Your husband's eggs will be just right if you use this," he assured her.

"But I don't need it," she answered brightly. "Jack likes his eggs the way I do them. I just look through the window at the traffic lights, and give them three reds and two greens."

Revival Dates

Mt. Nebo, Collinsville: July 27-Aug. 1; Sunday services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; noon fellowship meal; Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Lonnie Alexander, pastor. Old Pearl Valley Church, Neshoba Association, evangelist; Wayne Herrington, Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, leading the music; Charles R. Davis, pastor.

Indian Springs, (Perry): Aug. 3-8; services each night at 7:30; Lilbourne McCollough, pastor First Church, Bastrop, La., evangelist; Nick Davis, minister of music, Indian Springs Church, leading the music; Andrea Davis, pianist and Kevin Hollingsworth, organist; James Shoemaker, pastor.

Corinth, Heidelberg: Aug. 10-15; services 7 p.m.; special emphasis will be College and Career; Keith Thrash, Quitman, evangelist; Ed Holloman, pastor.

Union (Covington): Aug. 3-8; Sunday morning service 11:00; dinner on ground 12 noon; evening services Sun.-Fri. 7:30; Doug Benedict, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, music director; William P. Osborn, interim pastor.

White Oak (Smith): July 27-Aug. 1; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Pete Evans, pastor State Boulevard Church, Meridian, evangelist; Bill Dowdy, pastor.

Leaf River (Covington): July 27-Aug. 1; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; dinner served in fellowship hall; Mon.-Fri. services at 7:30 p.m.; Wayne Dubose, pastor of West Laurel Church, evangelist; Bruce Lancaster of Mt. Olive, music director; Mrs. Ann Rogers organist and Mrs. Cynthia Speed pianist; Jimmy Collins, pastor.

Jupiter (Simpson): July 27-Aug. 1; morning and afternoon services on Sunday; night services at 7:30 p.m. throughout the week; A. J. Pace, evangelist; J. C. Cole, Jr., music director; Troy Grubbs, pastor.

Briar Hill, Florence: July 27-31; services on Sunday will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist for the week will be James C. Madison from North Carolina, former pastor of The Cross Roads and Mountain Creek Churches in the Rankin Association; Tom Cline, music evangelist; "Dinner on the Ground" on Sunday; Wilson Winstead, pastor.

West Ellisville (Jones): August 3-8; Jimmy Martin, Greens Creek Church, Petal, evangelist; W. W. Hollifield, Taylorsville, music director. Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with dinner-on-the-grounds. Weekday services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tom McCurley, pastor.

First Church, Louise: July 27-Aug. 1; Hal Bates, pastor Eastside Church, evangelist; Bill McClellan, music evangelist; Services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion Church (Leske): July 27-Aug. 1; Dewey Wayne Moore, Vicksburg, evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Jessie Scott, Jr., pastor.

Bethlehem, Pinola: July 27-Aug. 1; Homecoming Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. services at 7 p.m.; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, evangelist and song leader; Bob Stewart, pastor.

Knights Valley (Clarke): Homecoming Aug. 3, 11 a.m., lunch and evening service in song with the Searchers and Lawman in charge; Aug. 4 evening services begin 7:30 p.m.; Danny Lafferty, fulltime evangelist, Ocean Springs, preaching; Don Arrender, Laurel, leading the singing; Harold McInnis, pastor.

Chunky (Newton): July 27-Aug. 1; morning services 10:30 a.m.; evening services 7:30 p.m.; Ferrell O. Cork, Jr., pastor, First Church, Aberdeen, evangelist; Jimmy Crane, Enterprise Church, music director; Sara Carlson, organist and Sandra Johnson, pianist; Curtis Guess, pastor.

Springdale, West: Aug. 3-8; Sunday services 11 a.m.; Mon.-Fri. morning services 10:30 a.m.; evening services 7:30 p.m.; Guy Reedy, First Church, Water Valley, evangelist; Hugh Plum-kett, Williamsville Church, music evangelist; S. W. Davis, Jr., pastor.

Fellowship, Meridian: July 27-Aug. 1; James Fancher, evangelist; Buddy McElroy, directing music; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Kenneth E. Walters, pastor.

Hickory Flat Church (Benton County): July 27 - Aug. 1; Billy Lee Wiley, pastor of Macedonia Church, Union County, speaker; Ed Sudduth, minister of music, First, Ashland, directing music; Sunday time as usual; Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. J. D. Joslin, pastor.

Mt. Olive, Smithdale: July 27-Aug. 1; morning services at 10 a.m. and evening services at 7:15 p.m.; Richard White, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Billy Ray Simmons, Progress Church, Progress, music director; Billy Therrell, pastor.

First, Ozona (Pearl River): Aug. 10-15; 7:30 p.m.; Troy Sumrall, pastor of Union Church, Beaumont, evangelist; John Downing, pastor.

Cato Church (Rankin): July 27 - Aug. 1; Lendell Ainsworth, pastor North Atlanta Church, Atlanta, GA, evangelist; George Dukes, minister of music at Cato, song director; Sunday services 11 a.m. with lunch at the church followed by afternoon service at 1:30; week day services 7:30 p.m.; Ricky Gray, pastor.

Nola Church (Lawrence): July 27-Aug. 1; R. L. Dunn, pastor of Carmel Church, evangelist; Sunday services to begin at 10 a.m. and to include dinner on the grounds and afternoon service; night services at 7:30 p.m. Vance E. Windom, Jr., pastor.

Fair River Church (Lincoln): July 27-Aug. 1; Sunday services, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. with dinner on the grounds and evening service at 1:15 p.m.; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; Paul Wilson, evangelist, Central Church, Brookhaven; Joe Chapman, Calvary Church of Greenwood, music evangelist; W. J. "Dub" Nelson, organist, New Hope Church, Monticello; Ann Fugler, pianist, Fair River Church; Ricky Johnston, pastor.

Shady Grove Church (Lincoln): July 27-28; services 7:30 p.m.; Tommy Dobbins, pastor of Calvary Church (Lincoln), evangelist; Kenny White, minister of music at Shady Grove, leading the music; Eddie Graves, pastor.

Friendship (Lincoln): July 27-Aug. 1; Sunday services Sunday School 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., lunch served at church, afternoon service 1:30 p.m.; weekday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Raymond Parker of Woodville, Texas, evangelist; Jamall Badry, full-time music evangelist, in charge of music; Wiley Reid, pastor.

Oak Grove Church (Holmes): July 27-Aug. 1; Ed McDaniel, pastor First Church, Durant, evangelist; Tom Kilgore, music director at Beulah Church, music evangelist; Mrs. Janet Hodges, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.; J. H. Burrell, pastor.

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Just For The Record . . .



These children of Cason Church, Nettleton, were among the 883 children who took part in the recent Children's Bible Drills this year. The drills are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Church Training department. These trophies were awarded to these children by the Cason Church. The children are: (front row, left to right): Karla Dean, Ronnie Sanders; (second row): Dana Dean, Monica Dean, Amanda Blake, Greg Hood, Kim Swan; (third row): Andy Hood, Dickie Taylor, Matthew Wilson. Not pictured is Kim Hendrick. Drill leaders were Hazel Burdine, Evelyn Brock, Janice Brown, and Carol Hendrick. Mrs. Herschel Hood is Church Training director. James Rutledge is pastor.



Fellowship Church (Choctaw) burns note on building addition. A 30 by 66 ft. building was added to the church the first part of 1978. The first meeting of Sunday School in the new building was June 4, 1978, with the building completed. This new building provides a large fellowship hall with large open fireplace, a nice kitchen, three Sunday School rooms and two restrooms. The new building was erected at a cost of \$21,652.24 with the church borrowing only \$16,000.00, which was paid in full May, 1980. Pictured in the note burning are James Pollard, church treasurer, Hubert Smith, chairman of deacons, James Drane, director of missions, Choctaw Webster Association, Cecil Jones, chairman of building committee, Roy Marshall, pastor, and Russell Pollard, building committee member. Morrel Breland, not pictured was also on the building committee. W. K. Richardson was pastor when the building was built. May 25 was also set aside for Associational Mission Emphasis in our churches. Work of the Association was emphasized in the morning service. On behalf of the Fellowship Church, Marshall presented to Drane a plaque with the following statement of appreciation: "In appreciation of your services for our Lord. Fellowship Baptist Church 5/25/80."



A banquet was recently held at HARMONY CHURCH, NEW ALBANY, for the older adults. James Travis, Blue Mountain College, was the featured speaker, and was presented a set of golf clubs. Standing next to Travis is Billy Crumpton, who has recently surrendered to full time Christian ministry. Mike Smith is pastor.



LIBERTY CHURCH, CARROLL COUNTY, honored RACHEL DuBard, missionary to Liberia, on Sunday, June 29. Miss DuBard, left, received a corsage pinned on by NELL WHITFIELD, right, and an eight-placed setting of dinnerware as love gifts from church members. She spoke at the morning worship service, concerning Liberia and Southern Baptist mission work there. Lunch was served at the church.

1st, Poplarville Will Be 100

First Church, Poplarville, is planning observance of its 100 year anniversary in 1981. Anyone who has been associated with the church as pastor, musician, youth director, BSU director or as member, is asked to write the church giving an address. The church address is Box 14, Poplarville, Miss., 39470.

Providence Will Mark 150th Year

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Providence Church, east of Grenada. Plans are being made for a special day of celebration.

"It is the desire of the church to have as many of the past members and pastors present as possible," stated Mrs. Irene Floyd, church member. She said all previous pastors are urged to contact Mrs. Katherine Harbin, church clerk, Rt. 1, Box 4, Gore Springs 38929 or phone 226-7129.

The celebration is being planned for the fall, and a specific date will be announced later.

Piano Given To Petal-Harvey; Honors Merritts

Petal-Harvey Church, Petal was the scene of a dedication service, Sunday night, June 1, when a Kawai Professional Grand piano was given to the church by the Merritt children, to the glory of God and in memory of their father, A. J. Merritt, Sr., and in honor of their mother, Mrs. A. J. (LaBirdie) Merritt, Sr., of Petal.

One of the couple's sons, Carl Merritt, read the dedication scripture from Col. 3:16-18, and another son, Dewey Merritt, pastor of Coal Creek Baptist Church, Renton, Wash., preached the dedication sermon, from the fourth chapter of Joshua.

Mrs. Nan Grantham, music assistant at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, presented a mini-concert. Mrs. Grantham is the wife of Kerry Grantham, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt. Jim Grantham, the couple's great-nephew, presented a piano solo of "Jesus Loves Me," which he arranged.

Bill and Marian Lee, members of Petal-Harvey Church, sang a duet.

All six of the Merritt children were present: A. J. Merritt, Jr., Petal; James E. Merritt, Jackson; Carl Merritt, Amarillo, Tex.; Dewey Merritt, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Ray (Katherine) Limbert, Hattiesburg; and Mrs. Bill (Linda) Pratt, Mineral Wells, Tex.

Jerry Henderson is pastor at Petal-Harvey.

Paynes Church, Tallahatchie County, observed homecoming on July 13. Dinner was served in fellowship hall, followed by singing in the afternoon. Gerald Shook is interim pastor.

Devotional

Now Is The Time!

By Wayne Burkes, pastor, Bolton Church, and member, Mississippi State Senate

"... we know not what shall be on the next day. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away." — (James 4:14)

In Proverbs 27:1 we are warned against making proud statements about what we intend to do in the future. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Someone has wisely observed, "Tomorrow, today will be yesterday!"

If there's a kindness we should show to others, some word of encouragement that should be spoken, or anything that must be done, NOW IS THE TIME to do it! If we put it off, we may not have another opportunity. It may be later in our lives than we think. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away."

Jesus said, I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4). If we make the most of today there will be happy returns tomorrow.

Burkes
I read recently a fable about a prince who decided to divide the rest of his life into four periods. In that way he felt he could reach definite goals and live to the fullest. He specified the first as a time for travel; the second he designated for the affairs of state; the third was to be for friendship; the fourth would be set aside for God. As the story goes, the prince died unexpectedly at the end of the first period. His well-laid plans were never fulfilled, and the most important part of his life was neglected.

One of the important lessons contained in that story is this: DO WHAT YOU SHOULD WHILE YOU CAN! Is there a letter you've been intended to write? A hospital call you should make? Do you need to confess some sin? What about that word of testimony you've been meaning to give to an unsaved friend, or that broken relationship that needs mending? Don't put it off. If you delay, it may never be done. NOW IS THE TIME! "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

Cooperative Program Shows Monthly Gain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — June receipts of undesignated funds through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program show an increase of eight percent over June 1979.

Undesignated funds from the 35,600 Southern Baptist churches totaled \$5,932,991 in June. Designated contributions totaled \$5,194,803, down 5.4 percent from June 1979.

Total designated and undesignated

contributions for June were \$11,127,794, a 1.3 percent increase over June 1979.

Total undesignated contributions for the first three-quarters of the fiscal year are \$53,800,706, 13.22 percent ahead of the same period last year.

Designated contributions of \$59,135,679 are 15 percent ahead of the same period last year.

Copiah Sends 18 To California

Copiah Baptist Association, under the leadership of Everett Thornton, associational Brotherhood director, sent 18 men to Truckee, Calif., to help construct the church building for First Baptist Church, Truckee.

The pastor of First Church, Truckee, Bill Burkett, was a gracious host. Burkett prepared his people for the arrival of the men. The men stayed in the homes of the membership. Two families drove the distance from Copiah County to Truckee, pulling a trailer and living in the trailer while there.

Those making the trip from Copiah Association were: Glen Ashley, David Barnes, Charles Day, Billy Doyle, Ray Flowers, James Griffith, Rocky Hemphill, Frank Higdon, David Ivy, Lamar Jolly, W. A. (Bill) McDonald, Jerril Newell, Daniel N. Page, Hubert Ratliff, Emmett Smith, J. R. Stingily, Robert Yarbrough, and L. Julianne

The Truckee church had the foundation and the sub-flooring in when the men arrived. Upon their departure, the building had been framed, sided and roof decking completed.

Life and Work Lesson

"An Effective Leader"

By Bobby Perry
Pastor, First Church
Miss Point, Miss.

Acts 3:1-7, 12-16; 4:7-12

In our lessons on Simon Peter thus far, we have seen him as a spontaneous personality with a big heart, but frequently plagued with instability. This is the portrait shown by the gospel writers. However, as we move to the book of Acts, suddenly we are confronted with a man who still possesses a big heart but who reflects the strong qualities of effective leadership.

While there is no scriptural basis for the tradition that Jesus made Peter the chief of the apostles, the church in Jerusalem certainly looked upon him as one who provided essential leadership in the infant period of growth. Once Peter accepted his role, he became a pillar of strength in the Lord's work.

From the time Peter set out to follow Jesus he was destined to become a leader in the continuation of the Christian movement. Yet, a long, difficult road was ahead of him before he was ready to fill that role. Peter's experience must of necessity become that of every believer who would assume a role of effective living and leadership for the Lord. It is with this in view that we focus upon three facts of Peter's leadership.

I. Instrument in Healing (Acts 3:1-7)
Jesus did not intend that he be viewed merely as a miracle worker. He performed such to relieve human hurt and to give concrete evidence that God was at work in His ministry. That Jesus worked miracles was common knowledge. But what about the present work? Was God in that too? The miracle at the gate Beautiful gave evidence that He was.

One afternoon as Peter and John were going up to the Court of Israel for the service of prayer which accompanied the evening oblation, they were attracted by the sight of a lame man who lay begging on the steps which led up to the Beautiful Gate. Fixing his eyes on the lame man, Peter attracted his attention. When he looked up expectantly, he received something far more wonderful and valuable than the largest gift of alms that a charitable passer by had ever bestowed upon him. "I gave no silver or gold," said Peter, "but I give you what I have to give: in the name of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, get up and walk!"

The man did not respond immediately to Peter's command. So the apostle reached down, took him by his right hand, and lifted him up. And in that very moment, this man who had never been able to stand or walk felt a strange strength in his legs; and feet; they actually supported him instead of collapsing beneath him.

With no money to give, Peter and John became the instruments through which this man received a gift of far greater value. We are not responsible for not giving what we do not possess. But we are responsible stewards of the Lord as He bestows His riches upon people in keeping with their need.

II. Powerful Preacher (Acts 3:11-16)
The people ran up to Peter and John, looking upon them in admiration for the great thing which had been done. But Peter cried out, "Wait a minute, do not look on us, we are not responsible for this man's cure, we are just instruments in the hand of God. Jesus Christ, God's Son, did this thing." Oh, the humility of these men! They took no credit to themselves. Someone has well said, "You can do a great amount of good in the world, if you do not care who gets the credit for it."

Peter, the powerful preacher, now preaches his second sermon. He said, "God sent His Son into the world—you delivered Him up, you denied Him in the presence of Pilate when he might have freed Him. As Peter used the word 'denied' did a sudden pain shoot through his own heart? Did he remember how he had been guilty of the same sin? Probably so, but he could say this, 'There is one difference. I went to Him in tears and penitence and He forgave me—that is what you need to do.'"

Peter continued, "You killed Him, but God raised Him up. The risen Christ has healed this lame man." These were daring words for him to say in the Temple . . . only a living Savior could have inspired him to speak in this way. The man who once said to a little maiden, "I have never known Him" now is saying to this crowd, "You crucified the Lord of glory." Yes, the man who has had an experience with this risen Christ is indeed a different man.

When Peter gave the opportunity there was a great response in faith with respect to Jesus. Luke said, "The number of men was about five thousand" (4:4). Again the Spirit had

done His work as on the day of Pentecost. This portrays a rapidly growing church.

III. Defender of the Faith (Acts 4:7-12)

The religious leaders became intensely angry about the miracle. Can you imagine that? Here is a poor man, lame from his birth, begging for a living. Now he is made strong and well, living a godly life, able to take his place in the community and support a family. But the leaders are angry and immediately arrest and imprison Peter and John. What is the crime? It is two-fold: preaching the resurrection of Christ and healing the lame man.

The next day Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin. As they questioned their captives, no reference was made to the resurrection. This could well have produced a debate within the body itself. Their questioning centered in the healing of the lame man.

Peter was fearless before the ruling body; he was sure of his ground. None could shake him in his belief that Jesus was risen and present in this powerful work. His authority was the exalted Christ, not the Sanhedrin. Not only did Peter stand firmly for this, but he summoned rulers and all to recognize this rejected one as the "head of the corner" and the one in whom alone is salvation.

The most embarrassing fact to the rulers was the presence of the healed man. Their inexcusable crime was their unwillingness to face the implications of facts which could not be denied. Their only concern was to check a movement which threatened the status quo. They resorted to threats, but this was to no avail because of the disciples' compulsion to speak what they had seen and heard.

Insofar as the record shows, Peter made no converts that day. But he had delivered his soul by faithfully proclaiming the gospel.

"It was as true," said Mr. Barkin, "as taxes is. And nothing's truer than them." — Dickens — David Copperfield.

Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing. — Voltaire.

Uniform Lesson

God's Message of Comfort

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Isaiah 40-41;

Focal Passage: Isaiah 40:1-11

The Lesson Background. From an abrupt and direct style, the message of Isaiah 40 shifts to a contemplative tenderness marked by theological reflection and praise for the incomparable God. The events in the passage are clearly identifiable by the references to Cyrus (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1), the destruction of Jerusalem (e.g. 44:26), and the exile in Babylon (e.g. 48:20). From the critical period of Isaiah's ministry in 740-686 B.C., the scene abruptly shifts to Babylonian exile (ca. 550 B.C.).

A more detailed historical background for this lesson can be found in last week's study of Jeremiah 30-33. Jeremiah lived through the destruction of Jerusalem (and Judah) by Babylonian troops (587/6 B.C.), and saw a small remnant of survivors taken captive to distant Babylon. Along with other prophetic voices, he interpreted the national tragedy in terms of covenant infidelity. Now, in Isaiah 40, the reality of sin and punishment (Isaiah 40:2) was seen to be tempered by God's mercy and pardon. The beautiful expressions of God's tenderness found here are among the most sublime passages of the entire Bible and find their echo in the New Testament fulfillment.

Regardless of the academic questions of authorship that surround Isaiah 1-39 and 40-66, the book is a thematic unity. The person who believes that God takes the initiative in biblical revelation and inspiration has no difficulty in accepting the possibility of the book of Isaiah being the work of one man (miracle of divine inspiration), nor would it exclude the ability of God to work through a possible disciple (cf. Isaiah 9:16) who personally experienced the rigors of the exile and possibly returned in 536 B.C. under the leadership of Zerubbabel (Ezra 1:1-2:2). Regardless of the literary debate, the message of the book is what is important and the background of the Babylonian exile is clearly indicated.

The Lesson Outlined. Liberation is in the air (40:48). There is an exciting theme of a "new exodus" with God at its head. A new world conqueror is approaching and Babylon's day of judgment is near.

I. The Message of Comfort and Forgiveness (Read Isaiah 40:1-2)

Nearly half-a-century of living in a foreign land had left its mark of discouragement on the remnant from Judah. Then came the message of hope and comfort. Was it possible that the promises of Jeremiah and Ezekiel were about to be fulfilled? "Speak tenderly," or literally, "speak to the heart" of Jerusalem for her iniquity has been pardoned. Adequate punishment, "double for all her sins," had been received. God's justice would not be tempered by His mercy.

II. The Herald's Message of Preparation (Read Isaiah 40:3-5)

When royal personages travelled in ancient times, a herald was sent to call for the preparation of the travel route for the royal procession. God was about to reveal His glory! The wilderness reminded the people of the Exodus from Egyptian bondage as well as the long road home from Babylon. God would again reveal His glory to "all flesh" through the restoration of His people to their homeland.

III. The Message of Strength and Assurance (Read Isaiah 40:4-8)

Although the message of hope had come, the prophet hesitated in the face of his responsibilities. The burden of the exilic human weakness and despondency fell on the messenger (and people) and he could find nothing to say. With the recognition of human frailty, the contrasting assurance of the eternal "word of God" comes to strengthen faltering faith. The "word" refers to every form of divine revelation which included the God-given message to the exiles. The book of Isaiah emphasized the power of the divine word more than any other Old Testament writing, stressing its creative as well as re-creative power.

IV. The Message of "Good Tidings" (Read Isaiah 40:9-11)

Apparently the prophet responded to the exhortation and the message: the "good news" is announced. In fact, Jerusalem is invited to become a messenger as well. This is consistent with the election of Abraham (cf. Genesis 12:1-3) and the nation (cf. Exodus 19:5-6) who were also chosen to be witnesses. God would give his people a new opportunity to be responsible instruments in world redemption.

The "good tidings" announced the presence of God, the Shepherd-King, who would feed and tenderly care for his own. (cf. Jh. 10:14-18).

The Lesson Applied
As this lesson is being prepared, the

distant rumble of thunder and flashes of lightning accompany gusts of wind and rain beating against the window. I have a small radio playing softly that makes a steady noise background. Occasionally the broadcast is interrupted by a high beeping sound. In that moment my attention shifts to the weather news flashes that give information and instruction related to area security. Since this area was flattened several years ago by a destructive storm, our friends have cautioned that we be attentive to security instructions. Their experience with tragedy has produced a caution and warning system that is life saving. As my gaze falls anew on Isaiah 40:1-11, I wonder why we are so careless about the "early warning system" God has given us in His word. The tragic storm and destruction of Jerusalem was the result of sin. God has interrupted history's normal broadcast to warn and offer refuge. He does not desire that any perish. Should we not "tune in" to His broadcast for His indications? Should we not be concerned for our neighbors and share where they too can tune in to God's advisory service? The "good news" must be shared! There is a message of comfort and strength for our day . . . for those who tune in and respond appropriately.

West Union Will Celebrate 75th Birthday

West Union Baptist Church, Carriere, in Pearl River County, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on July 27 at the church. The pastor is William G. Stevens and the minister of music is Clain Roberts.

The program for the day will begin with Sunday School at 9:45, followed by morning worship at 10:45. The morning message will be presented by John Wilson, of the Sunny Home Baptist Church, Halleysville, Ala.

The noon meal will be served at the church at 12:15. An afternoon service at 2 will include special music presentations by the church, and other singers. The evening service will be omitted.